

²⁶ Interview with Bud Osborne, Board Member, Vancouver-Richmond Health Board, Vancouver, 23 February 1999; Interview with Anne Livingston and VANDU members, Vancouver, 24 February 1999; Gil Puder, Constable Vancouver Police Department, "Recovering Our Honor: Why Policing Must Reject the 'War on Drugs'", paper presented at the Fraser Institute Conference, Sensible Solutions to the Urban Drug Problem, 21 April 1998, p. 17; Patricia Erickson, "Drugs, Violence and Public Health: What Does the Harm Reduction Approach Have to Offer," op. cit., p. 24;

²⁷ See Ueli Minder, Drug Policy Coordinator, Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, Bern, Switzerland, "Swiss Drug Policy Including the Aspect of Harm Reduction and Heroin Supported Therapy Program," paper presented at the Fraser Institute Conference, Sensible Solutions to the Urban Drug Problem, 21 April 1998, p. 5.

²⁸ The medical use of marijuana is one of the official platforms of the BC Persons With Aids Society, Interview with Pierre Beauline, Developer, Communications and Marketing, 23 February 1999, Vancouver.

²⁹ *Globe and Mail*, 27 January 1999.

³⁰ The US reports that marijuana consumption in that country is higher than it has been for decades, *El Tiempo*, 25 Mayo 1999. The most complete survey by the United Nations suggests that drug consumption has reached new heights worldwide, see United Nations Drug Control Program, *World Drug Report* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997), p.29. With regard to Canada in particular, the United Nations reported in 1999 that consumption of heroin and opium derivatives has reached record levels, as is production in Canada of marijuana, largely from indoor hydroponic operations, as reported in the *National Post*, 23 February 1999.

³¹ See Patricia Erickson, "Drugs, Violence and Public Health: What Does the Harm Reduction Approach Have to Offer?," op. cit., pp. 7-9.

³² Interviews with: RCMP Superintendent Vince Casey, Officer in Charge, Drug Enforcement; Inspector Richard Barszczewski, Officer in Charge, Drug Intelligence and Field Operations; Corporal Roy Bergerman, Analytical Unit, Drug Enforcement Branch; and Ron Dykeman, Senior Advisor, Drug Enforcement, all at British Columbia RCMP Headquarters, Vancouver, 23 February 1999.

Interviews with: Pierre Beauline, BC Persons with Aids Society, op. cit; Anne Livingston and 10 addicts from VANDU, op. cit.; and Bud Osborne, Board Member, Vancouver-Richmond Health Board, op. cit.

See also Patricia Erickson, "Drugs, Violence and Public Health," op. cit., especially pp. 7-16.

³³ See Gil Puder, "Recovering Our Honour: Why Policing Must Reject the 'War on Drugs'", op. cit., p. 5.

³⁴ See Patricia Erickson, "Drugs, Violence and Public Health," op. cit., pp. 12-13.

³⁵ Interviews with: Anne Livingston and 10 IDUs who are members of Vandu, op. cit; Bud Osborne, former addict and Member of Vancouver-Richmond Health Board, op. cit.

See also: Gil Puder, "Recovering Our Honour," op. cit., p.5; and Eugene Oscapella, Lawyer, Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy, Ottawa, "Witch Hunts and Chemical McCarthyism: The Criminal Law and Twentieth Century Canadian Drug Policy," paper presented at the Fraser Institute Conference, Sensible Solutions to the Urban Drug Problem,