

COOPERATION IN DRUG ABUSE

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ITEM ON OUR AGENDA IS INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. NARCOTIC DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING ARE KILLERS IN ALL OUR COUNTRIES

NEXT MONTH, MY COLLEAGUE, THE SOLICITOR GENERAL OF CANADA, WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, INCLUDING MALAYSIA AND THAILAND, TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS IN ALL ITS MANIFESTATIONS - PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, POLICE INTERDICTION, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REHABILITATION - AND EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS TO STEM THE PROBLEM. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR PROGRAM OF POLICE COOPERATION WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES. THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY HAS AGREED TO FUND AN ASEAN-WIDE PROGRAM DIRECTED AT DRUG PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION. WE ARE COMMITTED TO HELPING IN CROP SUBSTITUTION,

INTERNATIONALLY, WE FIRMLY ENDORSE THE DRAFTING OF A NEW UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON DRUG TRAFFICKING AND WELCOME THE INITIATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CALLING A MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN 1987. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, AND THE UNITED STATES, AS CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO BOTH INITIATIVES.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.