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Celebrating Its First Anniversary OVOM Launches Website, Sends Open Letter To World Leaders

Celebrating its first anniversary and coinciding with the United Nations' International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, OVOM - One Voice One Message - launches its website while simultaneously sending an Open Letter to World Leaders.

The OVOM Global Coordination Team (GCT) comes from all corners of the world and has voluntarily met and worked together to create a platform aimed at advocating for the rights of communities to be free from drug abuse.

The OVOM GCT comprises drug policy experts from around the world along with volunteer ambassadors advocating for the right of communities to be free from illegal drugs as specified in the UN Drug Conventions and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The website www.ovom.org details the vision and mission of OVOM, its assessment of the significant development in illegal drugs use around the world, discussing the real and scientifically-verified harms of specific drugs as defined in UN Drug Conventions and other issues related to illicit drugs and their use.

OVOM challenges the many current misrepresentations of illicit drugs and their use by exposing their harmfulness. It also challenges the international pro-drug movement and weak or irresponsible political leaders, a combination which has paved the way for the illicit drug trade with transnational organised crime. The enormous profits, all at the expense of addicts and their community, has been recognised by investors who want to convert the illicit market into a legal market for drugs. OVOM opposes the acceptance, decriminalisation, and legalisation of any narcotics.

Through its website OVOM also confirms its position to oppose "harm reduction" measures that clearly pave the way for the legalisation and decriminalisation of illicit drugs and deceive politicians and the addict.

The Open Letter to World Leaders demands that, as signatories to the International Conventions against illicit drug use, they make a clear and public stand against legalising any kind of illicit drug. Presently, some Governments are deserting their international obligations to the Drug Conventions (to wit: Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol; the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971, and the Convention Against Illicit

Traffic in Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 and the Convention on the Right of the Child 1990) all of which they have ratified, prompting OVOM's open letter as a wakeup call.

OVOM is a growing movement that is aiming to stop the self-serving promotion of the illegal drug industry and related advocates for illegal drug use. OVOM aims to protect our children, society and environment through international collaboration. It is a movement that stands for a restrictive drug policy and promotes a drug-free lifestyle. A community **MUST BE FREE** from the pressures and the promotion of illegal drug use. Parties interested in joining and supporting this cause are welcome. Please contact admin.ovom@protonmail.com or www.ovom.org

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