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UNODC Executive Director Yury Fedotov at the 60th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. Photo: UNIS Vienna.

# FOREWORD

In 2017 we marked the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

For two decades, UNODC has been helping to make the world safer from drugs, organized crime, corruption and terrorism. We have seen, and continue to see, threats emerging and evolving at an astonishing rate, from the proliferation of new psychoactive substances to cybercrime.

At the same time, the international community has increasingly recognized that to build sustainable peace, security and development, we must do more to counter human trafficking, migrant smuggling and corruption, as well as trafficking in drugs, wildlife, illicit firearms and cultural property.

These crimes threaten human life and safety, contribute to environmental destruction and inequalities, and undermine the rule of law.

This has been clearly recognized by the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2017, the Security Council adopted resolutions urging Member States to prevent human trafficking in conflict situations, stop the looting and sale of cultural heritage to finance terrorism and keep weapons out of the hands of terrorists.

Last year, we signed the largest project in UNODC's history to support Colombia in building peace through

rural development and reducing illicit coca cultivation. This Annual Report provides an overview of the comprehensive support UNODC provides to Member States to promote justice and the rule of law, address the challenges of drugs, crime, corruption and terrorism, and work towards the SDGs.

As these pages show, UNODC is enabling international cooperation and building capacities through our headquarters in Vienna and our network of field offices, mainstreaming gender and human rights across our activities.

This report also makes clear the many constraints we face, not least a lack of reliable core funding, as we seek to fulfil our mandates, embrace reform and respond to change.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my UNODC colleagues, particularly in the field, for their dedication and professionalism. I am also grateful to our partners, donor and Member States, including our host country of Austria. The problems remain formidable but working together, I have no doubt that we are up to the challenge.



Executive Director Yury Fedotov



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