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## **INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING**

June 26 – International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

This day was established on the recommendation of the International Conference on the Suppression of Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in 1987 and to express determination to strengthen international cooperation to establish a drug-free society and to stop drug trafficking.

According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, about five percent of the world's adult population, or about 250 million people between the ages of 15 and 64, have used drugs at least once.

The number of people classified as drug addicts is growing every year in proportion to the total population of the planet. About 200,000 people die each year as a result of drug use. Drug addiction is the sixth most common cause of death among people aged 15-49.

The negative effects of drug use pose a great danger to humanity. Drug use, above all, has a negative impact on human health, contributes to the development of physical and mental illness and is one of the causes of increased mortality and disability.

Psychoactive substances are divided into opioids, stimulants, hallucinogens, cannabinoids, hypnotics and sedatives. They are used in a variety of ways, including smoking, swallowing, sniffing, intravenous and intramuscular administration.

Risk factors influencing the formation of dependence:

– biological: it matters genotype, sex, ethnicity, the presence of concomitant mental illness;

– social: increase the likelihood of drug use physical, sexual and psychological violence, constant stress, bad family relationships, negative influence of friends, economic and social difficulties;

– evolutionary: genetic and environmental factors interact with critical stages of development in human life and affect the risk of drug addiction.

Signs of drug use:

- excessively narrowed or dilated pupils, regardless of lighting;
- a state of incomprehensible excitement or lethargy;
- language is fast, indistinct, uncertain shaky gait;
- almost complete absence or, conversely, excess facial expressions;
- a sharp change of mood, an outbreak of hostility, irritability for no

reason;

- failures in memory, inability to think logically, to explain their actions;

energy;

- earthy complexion, circles or bags under the eyes;
- traces of injections, frequent runny nose, specific smell from clothes and hair.

Changes in the behavior of drug addicts:

– indifference, loss of interest in former hobbies, to study, absenteeism at school;

– departure from old friends, the emergence of new ones (strange from the point of view of parents);

– increasing secrecy, the desire for solitude, the appearance of lies;

– the appearance in the conversation of slang words and positive statements about drug use;

– constant search for money;

– change in appetite.

Much has been said about the harmfulness of drugs. However, the concern of scientists and doctors is caused by the spread of drug addiction, because a significant number of people, especially young people, are not aware of the pernicious passion.

And the speed of creation of new types of drugs is much ahead of the invention of methods for their detection. Tests for so-called "spices" have only recently begun to appear. "Spices" and "salts" belong to new types of drugs that have recently been constantly arriving in Ukraine, distributed by mail, and direct trade is conducted via the Internet, the main users of which are young people and adolescents aged 14-25. These drugs are "real killers" for the young body, especially "salt". If the "spices" cause mental disorders, which still have the opposite effect, the "salts" in a very short time are addictive, lead to the irreversible destruction of the whole organism. It is impossible to detect these drugs by means available to parents, police and teachers. It is very difficult to prove such drug intoxication in a driver who had an accident or in a child who returned from school in an incomprehensible condition.

Drug addiction remains an important social and medical problem, as the consequences of this phenomenon have a detrimental effect on society as a whole. The main goal of drug prevention is to form an active life position in the population and, especially, in young people, not to use drugs. Of great importance is the organization of leisure of adolescents, the creation of conditions that provide useful leisure time.

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## **COUNTERACTION TO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN IN UKRAINE**

### **Protecting children from violence, including gender-based violence (GBV).**

Violence, abuse, and exploitation have devastating impact on children. threatening their lives and physical health, as well as emotional well-being and future prospects. Violence can pass from one generation to the next, with victims more likely to ‘normalize it’ and later become adult victims or perpetrators. In addition, lack of coordination between health, education, social, legal and other services’ often affects prevention, early identification and response to those cases.

Moreover, Ukraine lacks adequate referral mechanisms for specialized services, especially for children subjected to violence, sexual exploitation or GBV. Furthermore, collection, analysis, dissemination and use of data on violence against children and GBV require improvement.

Kyiv, 4 June 2019 – The UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Government of Ukraine and partners organized the first nationwide conference to unite the efforts to prevent and address violence against