

PORGMUN Conference – Committee Introduction: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Established as a joint sub-body of Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is one of the unique committees PORGMUN has to offer. In this committee, as hinted by its name, drugs and crime are discussed as the office assists the UN in better addressing coordinated and comprehensive responses to legal infractions ranging from drug abuse and trafficking to terrorism and political corruption. The office aids the UN by researching the topic and providing supporting guidance to governments in the adoption of crime related conventions.

Among the topics discussed in this committee you may find:

- *Fighting international terrorism by increasing the cooperation of UN members and targeting the income of terrorist groups from organized crime.* With increasing numbers of terrorist attacks, the need for an organised strike against international terrorism is rising, which certainly is a fitting topic to be discussed on the floor of UNODC. While United Nations cannot coordinate nation-wide anti-terrorism legislature, it can serve to protect member states from international threats.
- *Countering crime export through increased control of international trafficking of illicit drugs and narcotics.* As the abuse of illegal substances poses a greater threat for many states than it has before, the need for an increased control of international trafficking of illicit drugs and narcotics is mounting. The phenomenon of crime export describes the condition when crime connected with drug consumption in a country is actually committed in a different country that serves as drug producer and exporter.
- *Promoting strategies to prevent organised interstate trafficking of small arms.* Strategies to prevent organised interstate trafficking of small arms are connected to the fight against rebellious groups, local warlords and sleeper cells that endanger proper governments in many states and thus should be drawn up as quickly as possible.

UNODC represents a unique experience as its diverse range of topics, which are very dissimilar from topics in other committees, provides great base for intriguing debates and thought-stimulating negotiations that only the delegates such as you can handle.