10 YEAR REVIEW OF GLOBAL DRUG CONTROL

Perspective from the International Network of People who use Drugs
HUMAN RIGHTS ENGENDERED IN THE NAME OF DRUG CONTROL

- **Mass Incarceration:** 1 in 5 people incarcerated worldwide for drug offences, most of them being people who use drugs.

- **Violence and ill-treatment by law enforcement agencies:** From 2011 – mid 2014, there were 3,260 complaints of torture, enforced disappearances and other human rights violations in Mexico due to drug war.

- **Death penalty and extrajudicial killings:** 32 states apply the death penalty for drug offences. 27,000 people killed in the Philippines.

- **Lack of access to harm reduction and health care services:** 1% of people who inject drugs worldwide live in countries with adequate coverage of NSP and OST.

- **Overdose Deaths:** 71,000 died of drug overdoses in 2017 in the US alone.
Figure 7. Map of countries officially (including by law) engaged in compulsory detention of people who use drugs

Torture and Inhumane Treatment: Between 235,000 – 500,000 people detained in compulsory drug detention centres, not including private compulsory rehabilitation
IS THAT ALL THERE IS?

- **Harm Reduction:** Since 2009 more countries including Kenya, Taiwan and Senegal have initiated and scaled up harm reduction interventions.

- **Decriminalisation Models:** 26 countries report having decriminalised drug use or possession of drugs for personal use.

- **Stigma and Discrimination:** In 2018, Canada led on the adoption of the first CND resolution on combating stigma and discrimination in health care settings.
IMPACT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Australia:**
  - Drug users shaped first national response to HIV and drug use
  - Between 2000-2009 NSPs averted 32,050 new cases of HIV and 96,666 Hepatitis C infections and 140,000 DALY were gained

- **Indonesia:**
  - 2014 partnered with Ministry of Health to develop national harm reduction guidelines

- **Canada**
  - Since 2016, drug user advocacy led to the opening of 25 new drug consumption sites

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