



An Garda Síochána  
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## Recommendations

### Global Conference - Ten Years of Combating Pharmaceutical Crime: Review and Prospects

The participants at the Global Conference – ‘Ten Years of Combating Pharmaceutical Crime: Review and Prospects’, gathered in Dublin on 19 and 20 November 2014,

- having reviewed the activities implemented over the last ten years by all concerned stakeholders;
- concerned by the fact that pharmaceutical crime is growing in dimension and complexity and will continue to threaten patients’ health and jeopardize countries’ public health systems;
- recalling the importance of effective international cooperation among health, enforcement, judiciary and other stakeholders to identify, pursue and prosecute criminals acting at the national and international level;

have expressed the following recommendations:

1. Participants call on international organizations and all other concerned stakeholders to further strengthen their collaboration to pursue the common goal of turning back pharmaceutical crime;
2. Governments should consider ensuring that an appropriate and effective legal and regulatory infrastructure and capacity is in place to effectively combat pharmaceutical crime in order to protect public health;
3. Governments should strengthen national coordination mechanisms for combating pharmaceutical crime through effective operational links between police, customs, justice, national health agencies and other stakeholders, as appropriate. This includes the dedication of specialized officers to address pharmaceutical crime;
4. INTERPOL should continue to provide leadership, raise awareness and facilitate international and regional drug regulatory-law enforcement interventions and cross-border operations; this includes supporting the different sub-regional groups established by countries to combat pharmaceutical crime;

5. INTERPOL should assist countries to share experience and information at the regional and international level with the aim to strengthen preventive and investigative actions at all levels;
6. INTERPOL and other stakeholders should contribute to organizing training for officers working in health product regulatory agencies, law enforcement and judicial authorities involved in the fight against pharmaceutical crime in order to protect public health;
7. INTERPOL will continue its activities to obtain the funding needed to support governments and the different sub-regional groups and national agencies involved in combating pharmaceutical crime.