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IMPROVING PREVENTION: PRIORITIZING EFFECTIVE APPROACHES AND SECONDARY PREVENTION

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Prevention is an essential component of drug policy and practice around the world. Primary prevention includes interventions to reduce demand for illegal drugs by preventing initiation of use, often tailored towards youth. While there are diverse approaches to primary prevention, interventions vary in their effectiveness and utility. Drug education for youth is a tenet of primary prevention yet work remains to ensure the most effective components of drug education are prioritized. Furthermore, secondary prevention efforts are often overlooked in prevention strategies and warrant further consideration and uptake at the national and international levels. A number of novel and potentially effective secondary prevention approaches may also prove promising in improving prevention efforts globally. Speakers will discuss emerging and established responses for prevention of drug use and harms, as well as highlight relevant implications for member states, the CND, and other international bodies at the UN.

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