

Statement on  
**International Narcotics Control Board**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The Danish delegation refers to the statement by Slovenia on behalf of the European Union – a statement which we of course fully support.

We would like to congratulate the President and the members of the International Narcotics Control Board on the excellent and valuable report for the year 2007.

The yearly reports of the Board constitute an essential contribution to national and international considerations on how to tackle the drug problem. All Governments should give full attention to the competent and disinterested views and advice of the Board.

The Danish delegation would like to draw the attention of the Commission to one of the many important points made in the recent report.

After having stated that the accession of all States to the international drug control treaties is a fundamental prerequisite for effective drug control worldwide, the Board underlines the fact that universal treaty adherence will not be sufficient without effective and universal implementation of all the provisions of the treaties.

Mr. Chairman, we fully support the Board not only in underlining this important point, but also in explicitly mentioning the obligation to limit the use of drugs to medical and scientific purposes as the most fundamental principle of the international drug control conventions.

In this context it is always a concern if this clear view of the Board is challenged by alternative interpretations on the scope of this basic obligation.

Finally, the Danish delegation would like to assure the International Narcotics Control Board that the Danish Government will continue to lend full support to the Board in fulfilling its important functions.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.