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## **Regarding the 2019 High Level Session of the 62 Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

Dear Sir/Madam.

With the legalization of Cannabis, Canada, Paraguay, and the United States have already been named by UN officials as in violation of international law. Several more countries can be expected to follow at next year's UN meeting, and as INCB has been key participants in the campaign to denounce these countries, we provide a document which officials would do well to review before the UN meeting.

Because principles of autonomy, equality, proportionality and the liberty presumption are found at the heart of the UN and Western tradition, it is easy to make a case against the prohibition regime based on First principles, and *Human Rising: The Prohibitionist Psychosis and its Constitutional implications* does exactly that. As is shown, drug policy is a political, not an evidence-based construct, and it only persist because of an unhealthy level of moral panic. Indeed, when all is said and done, unconsciousness and powerpolitics have been the prime shapers of drug policy, and this book has been delivered to individual countries and NGOs in preparation for the next High-Level meeting. Several countries have already responded with praise, and INCB now have an opportunity to read up on an important topic.

As is shown, drug prohibition is historically similar to other mass-movements gone wrong in that it is the result of scapegoating, humanity's unfortunate tendency to blame politically weak groups for problems that are a collective responsibility. As humanity matures, we must do away with this great force of injustice, and we ask that it be delivered to those individuals tasked with defending drug policy.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Roar Mikalsen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Roar' and last name 'Mikalsen' clearly legible.

Roar Mikalsen,  
President of AROD

The Alliance for Rights-Oriented Drug Policies.