

Dutch Drugs Peace Institute calls for International Criminal Court to Examine United Nations for Incitement to Genocide in Mass Murder in Philippines and beyond.



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At the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its successful 1994 campaign of [the first nomination of drugs pacifists for the Nobel Peace Prize](#) –and 5 years after the nomination of José (Pepe) Mujica for the 2014 marijuana legalization in Uruguay– Utrecht's Drugs Peace Institute (DPI) wished to present on this year's June 26th Intl. Day against Drug Abuse, a new campaign. This time around to nominate the Huichol people from Mexico and the Cannabis Social Clubs around the globe, two outstanding groups that have demonstrated the responsible, socially embedded use (production, distribution and consumption) of respectively peyote and marihuana.

However, the horrible turn the war on drugs took these last years in Asia made us realize that in the face of the ongoing mass murder of drug users there is only one priority, the defense of all those on the death lists. Extra-judicial killings of innocent people who use drugs are becoming a daily pattern of police anti-drug operations in an increasing number of countries. The fact that the president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, publicly brags about the tens of thousands he has killed, the hundreds of thousands he keeps imprisoned, the millions more he would like to kill, the fact that his example is followed in other countries in the region like Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar and Thailand, and that he is openly complimented for his murder by foreign dignitaries, up to president Trump of the USA, should signal to mankind that world history has arrived at the repetition of the crime of crimes never to be committed again, the crime of genocide. The planned mass murder of the group of people who use drugs. The DPI therefore decided to put the Nobel nomination campaign on hold until September 1st, 2018.

The [prosecutor of the International Criminal Court](#) (ICC), Mrs. Fatou Bensouda, who examines the atrocity crimes of genocide and crimes against humanity, decided on February 8 to open a preliminary examination into crimes allegedly committed by Rodrigo Duterte. As nearly 1,000 more deaths result per month in which justice is not served, the DPI welcomes her expedient examination as it may save thousands of lives. But, the DPI submits also that it is insufficient to prevent the genocide wave from flooding over Asia and beyond, as the cause of this genocide, prohibition, has itself to be rooted out, once and for all. Since the adoption of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs the United Nations has decried drug use as abuse, an evil to be swept from the earth. The UN facilitated operations of zero-tolerance, the denial of human rights, stigmatizing, de-humanising and ultimately demonizing of the other-who-uses-drugs, so that the destruction of this evil in the end came to justify murder.

A democratically voted murder policy in the Philippines, a new phase in the 'war on drugs', which, due to its functioning outside of the rule of law has a pervading criminogenic effect, disrupts entire societies and puts them up against a UN-created worldwide group of criminalized fellow citizens, people who use drugs.

The DPI submits that the United Nations incited for over 50 years to genocide of drug users, an international crime in itself, according to the [Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide](#). If the UN prohibition is not denounced, the genocide will not be stopped but will expand.

The DPI therefore holds that it is in the interest of justice that the preliminary examination of the prosecutor be extended to the responsible United Nations officers and that, if the prosecutor determines that there exists a reasonable basis to proceed with an investigation for atrocity crimes committed in the Philippines, this investigation be extended to these individuals. In case the requirements to establish the jurisdiction of the Court and the admissibility of this crime -set forth by the [2002 Rome Statute governing the ICC](#)- cannot be satisfied for these individuals, the member nations of the UN would have put the UN, in violation of its own Charter, above the law. To prevent such continued undermining of a pillar of our world order, established exactly on this same day in 1945 in San Francisco, the DPI wishes that the prosecutor requests in that case that the Security Council, acting under Chapter VII of the [Charter of the United Nations](#), in accordance with article 13b of the Rome Statute, refers the jurisdiction over this case to the Court, which would allow the prosecutor to proceed with an investigation into possible crimes committed by these individuals.

Info

Meeting: Tuesday June 26th, 2018, between 11:30 and 13:00 hrs., [Coffeeshop 't Grasje](#), Obrechtstraat 1, Utrecht. (Space limited to 25 people inside, 3 in entrance hall and 19,5 on the sidewalk - to avoid public nuisance)

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