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To: the Very Honorable and Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Members of national parliaments, the European parliament and governments  
University rectors; professors of social sciences, history, philosophy, law and theology  
Directors of peace research institutes and foreign policy institutes.

From: Adriaan Bronkhorst, president DPI

Date: January 27, 2019.

Re: impeachment of D.J. Trump with the ICC for incitement to genocide of drug users and nomination of Drugs Pacifists for the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize

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Because of your prominent social position, you belong to an exclusive group of people which Alfred Nobel considered worthy to judge about questions of war and peace and to nominate candidates for the Peace Prize that bears his name.

The Drugs Peace Institute (DPI) has had the opportunity in the past to successfully propose Drugs Pacifists, people who contributed to the goal to end the War on Drugs, for your nomination to the Nobel Peace Prize. This year, 25 years after the first nomination of professor Mauricio Mamani Pocoaca of Bolivia, and 5 years after the nomination of president José Mujica of Uruguay, the DPI has the privilege to again propose two candidates for your joint nomination: the Cannabis Social Clubs and the Wixárika people of Mexico.

Both of these two groups have contributed in significant ways in establishing a coherent and sustainable model for the use of a mind-altering substance. Both have proven the War on Drugs rhetoric wrong and a peaceful solution feasible.

This observation is important to us, especially now that the prohibitionist forces in the world are openly threatening a new and final solution to the drug problem, the extra-legal mass murder of drug users, an Endlösung or genocide. Under the leadership of the US President, Mr. D.J. Trump, a growing number of countries is practicing this murderous model.

We consider this alarming, but even more alarming is the fact that there exists almost no popular outrage in regard to this atrocity crime. Although the prosecutor with the International Criminal Court has opened a preliminary examination to determine whether a formal investigation should be opened, the world community appears resigned to await the outcome of this investigation, which may take considerable time. The DPI feels that additional action is warranted as the murder goes on unhindered. The DPI therefore invites you to support our request with the ICC prosecutor to examine the situation of Mr. Trump, who went to The Philippines to express his agreement with the Duterte mass murder policy and falls therefore under the jurisdiction of the ICC. As this genocide is at present spreading to other countries in Asia and appears to have been embraced by the new Brazilian president, the DPI feels that there is considerable urgency to address this situation and hopes to motivate you to undertake action.

Please find herewith the report "A NEW CALL TO ACTION: FOR IMPEACHMENT OF THE US PRESIDENT FOR INCITEMENT TO GENOCIDE AND FOR THE NOMINATION OF DRUGS PACIFISTS FOR THE 2019 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE"\* , which the DPI has prepared for your information.

All relevant information for your participation in any of the actions we propose is available via the report attached or directly on our [website](#) under the headings 'Nobel campaign' and 'Standup4humanrights'. The Drugs Peace Institute thanks you in advance for your consideration and sincerely hopes that you will let your voice be heard in this moment of truth and worry.

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## A NEW CALL TO ACTION: FOR IMPEACHMENT OF THE US PRESIDENT FOR INCITEMENT TO GENOCIDE AND FOR THE NOMINATION OF DRUGS PACIFISTS FOR THE 2019 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

**This is not a test. This is a real, live emergency for our democracy.**

Thomas L. Friedman ([NYT](#))

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This paper is intended to turn some worlds upside down, by presenting evil as good and correct as devilish. The feelings of some people will be hurt, very regrettable, but those of many others may get a much-deserved boost and that prospect rejoices us as it justifies our call. Because the goal of this call is in line with the basic values human society has adhered to in the International Bill of Human Rights and is intended to help bring justice to those who still haven't been crushed by the murderous war on drugs, and rehabilitation to all those who perished on the fields of greed and intolerance. This call therefore is politically hyper-correct as it calls all those who pretend to live up to the same ideals which keep humankind together to come to their senses and look reality in its face. The Drugs Peace Institute (DPI) is committed to launch this call. Admittedly forced by an avalanche of disturbing events, much belated as many have already died, but nevertheless, launched. Finally.

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The events that incite us to launch our call now are, firstly, the rapidly growing perception in the western world of the implosion of the world order established after WWII on the pillars of the United Nations, i.e. Peace and Security, Development, the Rule of Law and respect for Human Rights, and secondly the simultaneous tightening of the punitive approach towards drug use - consumption, production and distribution - in an increasing number of countries. This latter development takes place notwithstanding the liberalization of the marijuana market for conglomerate capital, the successes of the harm reduction policies and the results of substantive scientific research contradicting the moralistic a priori at the basis of the war on drugs, specifically the international drug control policy of the UN-treaty regime initiated in 1961.

As part of the Pax Americana, the war on drugs was and still is to a large extent dictated by the USA and, frighteningly enough, the same heavy handed tactics that were used to secure the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs were applied to recruit 129 allies for the recently signed 2018 "[Global Call to Action on the World Drug Problem](#)". This Trump initiative to revamp the failed war on drugs, is the product of some serious arm-twisting by Uncle Sam within [the United Nations membership](#). Immediately condemned by the [Global Commission on Drug Policy](#) as "the continuation of inefficient, costly and harmful policies", its adoption was secured by the unilateralist-pressure approach of war hawk John Bolton, Trump's National Security Advisor.

Although the wording of Trump's call was sufficiently non-committal to allow for endorsement by a broad variety of nations with differing drug regimes, the fact that the nonnegotiable text had been proposed by the US and other invited hard liners like Russia and China, forebodes a hard time for deviant approaches. U.S. ambassador Nikki Haley, reputed for threatening countries that don't act in the U.S.'s interests, said Mr. Trump is leading a massive, effective counterattack against drugs: "It's now time for every country to follow our lead". "I'm taking names" Haley said. The likely direction of Trump's lead has progressively become clear in 2018: a return to extreme penalties for users and sellers, in particular of opioids, including the extension of options for capital punishment and, on the other hand, neither supervised injection sites nor government funding for opioid antagonist medication like naloxone. In short, no concessions to the alleged evil of drug use. "If we don't get tough on the drug dealers, we're wasting our time," Trump [said](#) in New Hampshire. "And that toughness includes the death penalty." Since the opioid crisis already blurs the legal lines between victim and perpetrator, the compassionate user who helps his fellow user out can be treated like a murderer.



Trump with ambassador Haley. At left Secretary General [Antonio Guterres, proponent of a humane drugs policy](#).

A series of even more dramatic events that triggered our call is another blurring of legal lines, this time between the legal and extralegal killing of drug users: the state approval of the cleansing of a group of citizens on the ground of consumption of mind-altering substances, a new ground for extrajudicial mass killing, genocide. Since July 2016 these events take place in the Philippines under the direction of president Rodrigo Duterte and have led to the death of up to 30.000 Filipinos and the incarceration of over 500.000 who have turned themselves in and wait in hideous prison conditions that already resemble those in concentration camps. After truth was put aside, it now was justice's turn. The end again justifies the means, the lie the mass murder.

President Obama and pope Francis had condemned Duterte's murderous policy in 2016 in no uncertain terms and were rebutted with the coarsest terms. In that same period president-elect Trump congratulated Duterte over the phone, a feat he repeated after his inauguration in a call on April 29, 2017: "[I just wanted to congratulate you](#) because I am hearing of the unbelievable job on the drug problem. Many countries have the problem, we have a problem, but what a great job you are doing, and I just wanted to call and tell you that."

Trump's congratulations might be viewed as an incitement offense under the [US Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987](#). No legal action seems to have been taken however which, apart from legal and political considerations, responds to a public opinion that sees dehumanization of people who use drugs and calls for their death as an acceptable part of the war on drugs. "Duterte's genocide is the logical conclusion of the brutal rhetoric of the drug war". [says Maia Szalavitz](#).

Under the Rome Statute that governs the International Criminal Court (ICC), these Trump incitements equally did not elicit legal action, as at first sight they would not fall within the ICC's jurisdiction because the crime is committed in the USA and thus not on the territory or by a national of a State Party to the Statute.

However, this situation changed on November 13, 2017, after Trump had a bilateral meeting with his Philippine counterpart on the sidelines of the 31st Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Manila. Although no details transpired, Duterte, to the laughter of Trump, referred to the press as 'spies', contradictory statements by the presidential press officers succeeded to create confusion and gave the false impression that Trump had not produced any sign or word of consent with the Filipino mass murder. But a remarkable slip of the tongue by Duterte spokesperson Harry Roque on April 24, 2018, unmasked all previous statements as lies. In a reaction to a just released [US State Department report on the human rights in the Philippines](#), "that drug war killings and police impunity remain as top concerns for the Philippines", Roque, in his [Malacañang press briefing](#), said the "State Department report [is] inconsistent with Trump's statement on PH drug war" and then he went on to detail what he himself and his US colleague Ms. Sara Huckabee Sanders had tried so hard to hide:

“I personally heard the discussion between President Trump and President Duterte when they were here in the Philippines during the ASEAN Summit and I think I heard words coming from President Trump praising President Duterte including the war on drugs. If I am not mistaken, President Trump said he (Duterte) knows what he’s doing in the Philippines,” Roque said. “So I do not know how to reconcile the State Department report with the actual statement of the President. But for now, we’re going with the statement of President Trump that we all heard from the mouth of President Trump,” he added. “Given what we heard from President Trump, let’s just say it exists but we prefer to hold on to the words of President Trump. He is, after all, the President,” he continued.

To appreciate the Roque statements, we have to remember that the relationship between the US and the Philippines was at an all time low in the run-up to the 2017 ASEAN meeting, after the open enmity between Duterte and Obama had polarized to a degree that Duterte publicly embraced a new foreign policy prioritizing closer relations with China over those with the USA. It was up to Trump ‘to show his respect’ for the Philippines and Duterte even announced a week before the meeting that he would tell Trump to “lay off” if he talked about human rights. As Reuters reported “[Central to the rapprochement between the two presidents](#) was Duterte holding his tongue, and Trump not expressing concern about Duterte’s centerpiece policy” – the mass murder of drug users. But this appreciation only deals with Trump’s public performance. Judging by Roque’s April 2018 assertion, it has become evident that not only did Trump steer “[clear of nasty, uncomfortable things like human rights and democracy](#)” and “behaved like a polite guest”, but moreover that [he positively intervened in the Philippines genocide](#) by confirming his approval during his 13 November meeting with Duterte.

What’s more, it has to be assumed that the approval had already been obtained days earlier, as it was consummated at the ASEAN gala dinner on the eve of Sunday November 12, where contrary to traditional seating protocol, the two were seated next to each other and Duterte sang a hit Filipino love song for his friend. “[On the orders of the U.S. commander-in-chief](#)” Duterte jokingly explained, publicly suggesting that this flattery was not a coincidence but rather on request. And indeed, had it been known at that moment that Trump would effectively oppose Duterte’s murder campaign, he would most probably have been treated like his predecessor, “[the son of a whore](#)”. The Duterte serenade to his accomplice thus proved to be a lugubrious genocide anthem.



Manilla 2017. Two “great friends” preparing a clarion call to genocidal action.

On February 8, 2018 the prosecutor with the International Criminal Court opened a preliminary examination into the situation in the Philippines. On January 1, 2019, the Drugs Peace Institute submitted a request for a complementary [preliminary examination of Mr. Donald J. Trump](#) for committing the crime of incitement to genocide.

The US media did not report on the Harry Roque press briefing of April 2018. Maybe because the Trump-show had long since left Manila and commanded all attention on another stage, maybe because the Philippine mass murder operation had become old news for the US media. The result was nonetheless that even the foremost US ONGs in the field of alternative drug policy seemed unaware of it. The [StoptheDrugWar.org](http://StoptheDrugWar.org) only states [up till today in the Philippine section of its website](#): *"In a move that has comforted human rights violators everywhere, President Trump has praised Duterte's drug war, twice."*

The consequences of the Roque admission are dramatic: from now on we know as fact that the American President's spokesperson, on his instructions, is telling us blatant lies about the incitement to, the preparation and/or the execution of atrocity crimes, plain criminal acts. What is said is henceforth mystery, as the truth can no longer be distinguished from the lie. We do not know any longer what people like Trump, Huckabee or Bannon discuss and agree upon, but the drug users worldwide better prepare for the worst. After all, Trump is buying off the reparation of the privileged US-Filipino relationship with a license to kill for Duterte. A license to mass murder Filipino drug users, who thus are destined to pay Trump's reparation payment to Duterte - with their lives. This is the Mexican-wall-payment principle brought to its apotheosis, the physical elimination of your victims, after payment. The ASEAN gala dinner of 2017 was the historic start of a secret brotherhood of mass murderers, some accomplished, others still in training and those opposed to it muzzled by the general acquiescence. Drug users are now publicly declared outlawed. In the Philippines and other countries in that region, in Brazil, potentially in all those countries that are too weak to defend themselves against the US on a 1 to 1 basis, outside of the protection of the international bodies he destroys.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was the only guest in Manila who publicly raised the mass murder issue with Duterte. While human rights organizations also condemned Duterte, most took pains to distance themselves from the connection between his and Hitler's victims, which Duterte had made, noting that Hitler had murdered millions of Jews and that in the Philippines ["There are 3 million drug addicts. I'd be happy to slaughter."](#) The US-based Anti-Defamation League, an international Jewish group, said Duterte's comments were "shocking: "The comparison of drug users and dealers to Holocaust victims is inappropriate and deeply offensive". The DPI views this remark as very unfortunate, as it installs a hierarchy in lives to be protected and in so doing negates the very essence of the human rights ideals, the notion that ["recognition of the inherent dignity](#) and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world." Again, we refer to [Maia Szalavitz](#): "I am both a child of a Holocaust survivor and a person who has struggled with addiction. I do not believe anyone deserves to be murdered either for their religion or because they have a substance that governments have declared illegal coursing through their veins. Until we recognize that killing people for taking drugs we dislike is no more acceptable than murdering them for blasphemy, practicing the wrong religion or witchcraft, we will not have decent - let alone effective - drug policy."

Seventy years after the adoption of the groundbreaking [Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide](#), many in the world have come to accept the category of people who use mind-altering substances as the category of the new *Untermensch* for whom the Convention doesn't apply. They are encouraged in this discrimination by the conceptual frame which equates drug use with crime, set up by the UN itself and implemented on a daily basis by the UNODC, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. This office aims long-term to better equip governments to handle drug-, crime-, terrorism-, and corruption-related issues. According to this office, drug users are a category of people held to be responsible for its own demise, as it has freely chosen for a consumption pattern that leads to their perdition as well as that of our youth, our values, our society. An evil to be exterminated worldwide: le juif nouveau est arrivé!. The new Jew has arrived. We drug users are now abroad in our own world.

Facts have shown that not drug use but the prohibition of drug use is the main cause of the [450,000 people who die every year](#) from overdoses or drug-related health issues. If governments would take their responsibility and regulate drug use they could halt addiction epidemics, and stop this genocide-through-prohibition. Trump wishes to continue to use the stick of prohibition to beat the minorities he dislikes and, with the help of other authoritarian regimes, to update the stick in a weapon of popular murder. A terrible prospect, particularly for drug users in countries with a liberal policy of weapons possession or, worse even, a constitutionally protected freedom of possession, where populist rhetoric is successful and can be used for the moral justification of mass murder. A type of country in high demand in the US capital these days.

## WE

The idea to prohibit mind-altering substances must be as old as the idea that the human mind has to be controlled and directed in order to achieve common goals to the benefit of a few and to the detriment of many. This parting of the wishes of the rulers - the state - and those of society could not be maintained if the access to the spiritual world, the ancestors and the gods - the source of all power - had not been closed off to society. The gods, or whatever spiritual beings a particular mythology had invented to present as the supreme unifying link between its people, had to be isolated from society in order for the rulers to become their sole and privileged interlocutors. Therefore, the gods disappeared from the earth and the people were barred from heaven, i.e. the contact with the spirit within which bestows a sense of cosmic belonging: life, as the ancients called it. As the greed of the rulers grew, the aversion of the gods to man grew along as these privileged interlocutors maintained that they were ordered to tell the people that the gods could very well keep them in perpetuity out of heaven and even send them to hell. The threat of this terror created a hell for many, and untold men and women had to live long and often very unhappy lives because of it.

The oldest recorded variant of prohibition comes from Mesopotamia. It infected Christianity when it incorporated, against the apostle Paul's wishes, the Jewish god Yahweh's command not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Christian Bible. Through the vehicle of the Inquisition, this command spread across the world to finally infect as the WASP's war on drugs the entire United Nations, our contemporary Super-state. Quaker Friend Richard Nixon, believer of the 'Inner Light', allowed for one exception though in the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances: by not outlawing the traditional use of biological substances from which psychotropic substances could be obtained. The Native American Church (NAC) in the United States used peyote in religious rites, and the abuse of the substance was regarded as a sacrilege.' All of a sudden, the government of 'Christ's own country' agreed to let some native shaman-priests of some minor nature religions take over the control of the use and distribution of some otherwise globally forbidden substances of evil, because this use was embedded in their religious ritual, protected under the American Constitution.

The NAC is a recent religious group, its peyote use has a short tradition and has been adopted from Mexican indigenous peoples. Foremost among these is the Huichol people who calls itself Wixárika (pl. Wixaritari). This ethnic group is a religious denomination that has adhered since times immemorial to its animist mythology and loyally accompanied its ancestor gods through history. The Wixárika people presents the best documented indigenous people's use of a 'drug' that has provided them with so much spiritual well-being that they have declined all offers made by competing ideologies and still today are prepared to pay the high price of economic poverty for their spiritual freedom. Spiritual freedom for all the members of the group, as all are invited to participate in the annual peyote pilgrimage to meet the gods and find life. The Wixárika are so completely focused on the safeguarding of their religious freedom that they have refused to build a Nation as it is considered to be a permanent threat to their spiritual freedom and the sovereignty of each individual member of their people. They have been proven right, as the war on drugs makes painstakingly clear that the States have taken it upon themselves to inhibit men and women, worldwide, to reconnect to life outside of State control. Life is denied to us. As the indigenous peoples say, the society of prohibition is a society of death.

The Wixárika people is part of the international drug user community that stands for WE. A group of people formally defined by its enemies, because if this group of drug users and dealers exists it is neither by natural selection nor by the conscious and free choice made by its members but only in reaction to the discriminating discourse of the enemy, the drug warriors. To present this group to the outer world is a difficult task as the drug warriors have put whole ranges of different substances in the same evil basket. Purposefully of course, as it allows to ascribe alleged negative characteristics of one substance to the whole group of substances, so that every lie has a semblance of truth and can be abused against every user. The textbook example is the phenomenon of addiction that is consistently maintained and enlarged by a policy of abstinence from information, negation of existing medical help and antagonistic medication and denial of acceptable and tolerable living conditions for their users. The 'addict' has become a catchword to encapsulate and victimize every drug user!

Another group of people who have worked hard to find within the red lines of the law the right to cultivate its own provision and alter its mind according to its own spiritual needs, without the interference of any third-party interests, is the Cannabis Social Clubs (CSCs): each club is not to operate for profit, to grow only for the needs of its members and their guests and to adhere to organic agricultural norms in the interest of its consumers' health. The Cannabis Social Club has been tested and proved its society-respecting and sociable character, making it by far the most attractive model to protect the human rights of cannabis consumers to cultivate their own plants and consume them for their personal benefit and pleasure, without causing any harm but to the narrow-minded and intolerant forces in society.

If religion and recreation are understood in their original sense of re-connecting to the mind-transcending wholeness of life, and of re-creating the discoveries of this reconnection, the use of peyote and cannabis is intrinsically religious and allows afterwards the meaningful recreation of life. In the re-connection, the participant renounces all social positions, responsibilities, rights and obligations, all characteristics that determine the human being. In this way the participant can experience the integral well-being of belonging to the wholeness of creation. With the experience of mind-altering substances, Descartes' philosophical proposition can be completed to read 'I think; therefore, I am the prisoner of my thoughts.' In the ecstasy provided by the use of many mind-altering products, the doors of this prison will open, and cultural constraints disappear, discrimination dissipates. This is the meeting with the gods, where even the Wixárika shaman formally puts down all his spiritual responsibilities, to become innocent, like a child, before he himself partakes of the ecstasy. As the partaker of Nazareth said: "*Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*"

The Leila de Lima Cannabis Social Club in exile will invite president Trump for a cannabic smoke-in in its Utrecht headquarters, 't Grasje, to have a good laugh at his own antics and henceforth be able to partake of the universal self. It would give him the opportunity to put all selfish and nationalistic pursuits aside, to end the war on drugs and to lead the world on the much-needed road to become a peaceful global community.

## YOU

The consumption of consciousness altering substances is a personal matter, a personal decision made on the basis of a personal experience with life. You'll appreciate it that this world of consciousness alteration is not handed over to crime, but transparent and run by people who bring an experience unspoiled with extra-consciousness-building interests. You'll be happy to live in the knowledge that this world exists, a world of legalized guidance with the mind trips that nature offers, and people may accept.

This is the world the Wixárika people for times immemorial and the Cannabis Social Clubs since the 1990's have contributed to establish in the most peaceful manner. The world at the end of the path to spiritual freedom that the International Bill of Human Rights promised but did not deliver. Now that the global society finally discovers that the path of prohibition leads to death and subjugation of its victims; now that our society, rejecting this outcome, embraces its humanistic values, the US government wishes to force upon society its ultimate measure of our destruction: the outright murder of users of mind-altering substances.

The president of the USA has put himself at the head of this murder campaign. The DPI proposes to you to back by whatever means feasible his impeachment with the International Criminal Court.

The DPI equally recommends wholeheartedly the nomination of the [Wixárika people](#) and the [Cannabis Social Clubs](#) for the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of their outstanding contribution to world peace.

Utrecht, 2019-05-05.

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