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2025 Annual Report

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ABOUT US

INHR is a U.S.-registered 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to leveling the international playing field. We do this by supporting small and mid-sized States and civil society organizations more effectively engage with United Nations agencies in Geneva, Switzerland. At the UN Human Rights Council, we have provided capacity-building support to UN member States and advocated for artistic freedom and a human rights-based approach to the social reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals.

In addition, we convene international dialogues about the safety of AI military systems with retired generals, diplomats, and current tech professionals from the United States, Europe, India, and China. Over the past year, we also convened U.S.-China expert level working groups focused on how the U.S. and China can combat fentanyl from an interdisciplinary approach that combines policy, medical, law enforcement, private sector, and bilateral relations.



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DIALOGUES

Since September 2024, INHR's AI Program has hosted our Track II dialogue in-person and online, fundraised, and hired to support ongoing and new dialogue activities. In December 2024, we held a productive 4-day meeting in Washington, D.C., which resulted in the finalization of our Military AI Testing and Evaluations document. INHR also hosted a side event on AI and weapons technology on the sidelines of a meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts on Lethal Autonomous Weapons at the UN in Geneva in early September, followed by a three-day dialogue in Barcelona, Spain. The Barcelona dialogue centered on our AI x Bio guidelines, and on developing a list of recommendations around the use of AI in military and weapons systems.

A GROWING CIRCLE

Successful fundraising efforts ensure that our ongoing AI dialogue can continue and grow. Our dialogue drew exciting new C-level private sector participants from China and the U.S. In addition, INHR's AI team nearly doubled in size with help coming from a new AI Program Officer, an Advisor for Nuclear and AI Issues, and Summer AI Research Fellows from U. Michigan Law School and Georgetown University.



FINANCING PROJECTS

As of September 22, INHR has won three AI grants of \$200,000 from Founders Pledge, \$150,000 from the Future of Life Institute, and \$275,000 from Longview. Two of these grants support and expand our current AI military dialogue, while the third – from Longview – opens an entirely new dialogue on nuclear stability and AI. This crucial financial support brings participants to our meetings and enables INHR staff to attend AI conferences, including in Geneva (July 2025 AI For Good Summit and August 2025 Biological Weapons Convention) and Shanghai (July 2025 World AI Conference). Just as our dialogue produces meaningful AI policy recommendations to disseminate among officials, these conferences keep INHR staff apprised of – and visible at – global AI fora.

HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE HRC

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

ASSEL ALIMBAYEVA, HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM OFFICER

As part of our work to support civil society, INHR helped Artistic Freedom Initiative (AFI) advocate for greater protections for artistic freedom at the UN HRC. In collaboration with AFI, we held a side event during the 59th session of the HRC, which examined how governments are controlling political narratives, suppressing dissent, and eroding cultural and journalistic pluralism by capturing public institutions such as state media, museums, and universities. INHR also organized meetings between AFI and diplomatic delegations to ensure that the voices of persecuted artists reached diplomats at the UN HRC.



SOCIAL REINTEGRATION

We continue to work with civil society organizations REFORM Alliance, Perseus Strategies, and Dream.Org to advocate for a human rights-based approach to social reintegration for formerly incarcerated persons. Over the past year, INHR delivered two oral statements on the connection between social reintegration and human rights at the 58th and 60th sessions of the HRC. With the help of Permanent Missions, we also hosted an expert seminar on social reintegration at the Palais des Nations featuring UN human rights experts, human rights defenders, diplomats, and individuals with lived experience reintegrating back into society.

During the 60th session of the HRC in September 2025, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights published a study examining the international legal framework and initiatives for the social reintegration of individuals released from detention or subjected to non-custodial measures. The study was prepared pursuant to an HRC resolution adopted in September 2024 that INHR strongly supported.



HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE HRC

EDUCATION AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

LUKE WILSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN OPERATIONS

Small island and developing states often lack the resources and manpower to effectively engage with the over 40 UN institutions in Geneva, making it difficult for their voices to be heard. INHR trains student legal advisors from U.S. law schools to help Missions from Gambia to Nauru. The student legal advisors provide extra capacity by drafting interventions, researching new legal and policy questions, negotiating UN resolutions, and more. In the 2024-2025 academic year, INHR trained 16 student legal advisors who supported countries such as Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. We are proud to continue this program into the 2025-2026 academic year and to continue levelling the playing field for small island and developing countries.



PUBLIC HEALTH & COMPREHENSIVE DRUGS DIALOGUE

JACK JOHNSON, U.S.-CHINA PROGRAM OFFICER



4th International Forum on Drug Policy, July 2025



Side event at the 67th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), March 2025

FENTANYL CRISIS

INHR concluded its partnership with PAX sapiens on the Comprehensive Drugs Dialogue (CDD) to address the scourge of synthetic opioids that destroys the lives of thousands of Americans every year. The CDD adopted a comprehensive approach to the fentanyl crisis by bringing together experts and former officials from policy, law enforcement, public health, and the private sector who have produced over 70 recommendations for governments and other stakeholders. These recommendations offer prudent and fact-based steps the U.S. and Chinese authorities can take to improve bilateral relations, enhance counternarcotics cooperation, and reduce drug-related deaths.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

INHR hosted a successful side event at the 68th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) in Vienna, hosted the 3rd in-person CDD meeting on the margins of the CND, and attended the 4th International Forum on Drug Policy in Shanghai. The CDD also published three editions of the resource book “Saving Lives and Protecting Societies from Synthetic Opioids: A U.S.-China Joint Resource Guide to Fighting Fentanyl” that were distributed to government officials and other stakeholders in Vienna and Shanghai.

The CDD officially concluded in August, 2025, after three successful in-person meetings, 6 online meetings, one side event, and an international symposium over the course of 22 months.

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