COMMITTEE: CND

Topic: Rainbow Fentanyl in South America

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II. Rationale

Fentanyl is a very dangerous drug that has been one of the drugs at the center of the Latin American drug trade. Considering the growth of people being affected by the opioid crisis, these kinds of drugs are of increasing concern. This drug has been a longstanding threat on the world stage that has no sign of ceasing without increased action.

III. Background

Fentanyl was created in 1959 and used as an anesthetic in the 60s. It really started to take hold outside its medical use in 1979. There have been international pushes against the misuse of fentanyl as early as 1961. More and more derivatives of this drug are also being given priority by the UN as well. With all this effort, however, fentanyl remains an issue in many areas.

IV. Contemporary Evidence

While the illegal uses are what it is known for, this drug is legally distributed in the U.S. It is nearly undetectable when it is combined with other substances until it is too late. Between those who illicitly misuse fentanyl and those who overprescribe them to people who actually need them. Fentanyl is usually synthesized in countries like China, Mexico, and India and then exported to a country with a lot of potential buyers. Opioids like fentanyl were responsible for 64% of overdose deaths in the US from May 2020 to April 2021. There are even circulating news stories in which rainbow color fentanyl is substituted for kids’ candy. While there has been an international push against the harmful effects of fentanyl, the drug trade surrounding it still thrives.

V. References

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VI. Note to Delegates

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VII. Countries- Delegate(s) select your country during registration.

US

India

Mexico

China

India

Canada

Argentina

Brazil

Chile

Guatemala

Uruguay

Paraguay

Peru

Guyana

Ecuador

Bolivia

Colombia

Suriname

Venezuela

UK

France

Spain

Portugal

Germany

Russia

Pakistan

Italy

Greece

Norway

Belgium

Australia

Japan

Philippines