

Communique
of the 4th Meeting of the BRICS Anti-Drug Working Group

The 4th Meeting of the BRICS Anti-Drug Working Group under the Chairmanship of the Russian Federation was held on 12 August 2020. Due to a serious epidemiological situation the event was organized via video conferencing.

Representatives of the relevant agencies of the Member States – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa took part in the event.

The Meeting held in a constructive atmosphere. A fruitful exchange of opinions concerning the drug situation in the BRICS States, the international and regional trends of illegal trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, as well as the impact of various internal and external factors on the situation took place. The participants reiterated overall commitment to effectively address the world drug problem and readiness to further develop cooperation on drug control among the BRICS States.

The parties reaffirmed their commitment to the three international anti-drug conventions and noted the necessity to preserve the current international drug control system.

They expressed concern about the increasing criminal misuse of modern technologies and technical devices for illicit drug-related activities. They also expressed concern about using crypto-currency and e-payment systems for money laundering arising from drug trafficking.

The participants also discussed the necessity to accelerate interaction among the BRICS States' competent agencies in combating transnational organized crime.

As a result of the Meeting of the BRICS Anti-Drug Working Group, the parties acknowledged the need to continue co-operation and information-sharing in countering illicit drug trafficking, with consideration of current challenges and threats.

