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## **GUWAHATI DECLARATION**

# **JOINT STATEMENT OF THE BRICS HEADS OF ANTI-DRUG AGENCIES MEETING 2026**

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1. We, the representatives of the anti-drug authorities and drug regulatory agencies of the BRICS Member States meeting in Guwahati, Assam, Republic of India, on 06–07 July 2026, under the theme “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability (BRICS) in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking,” reaffirm our shared commitment to addressing the world drug problem through a comprehensive, balanced and evidence-based approach.
2. Recognizing that the world drug problem continues to pose serious challenges to public health, security, social stability and sustainable development, and reaffirming our commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the three international drug control conventions.
3. Expressing concern over the evolving nature of illicit drug trafficking, including illicit cultivation, proliferation of synthetic drugs and New Psychoactive Substances (NPS), the diversion of precursor chemicals, the misuse of emerging technologies and virtual assets, and the exploitation of maritime routes and digital platforms by transnational criminal networks.
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  6. Guided by the BRICS spirit of mutual respect and understanding, sovereign equality, solidarity, openness, inclusiveness, strengthened collaboration, and consensus, we reaffirm our commitment to enhancing cooperation in addressing the world drug problem in all its aspects.
  7. We resolve to:
    - a. Strengthen cooperation in preventing and combating illicit drug trafficking and related transnational organized crime.
    - b. Enhance timely exchange of information, intelligence and best practices, consistent with national laws and international obligations.
    - c. Promote the use of innovative technologies, digital tools and data-driven approaches to support law-enforcement and regulatory efforts against illicit drug trafficking.
    - d. Strengthen cooperation in addressing challenges arising from New Psychoactive Substances, synthetic drugs and precursor chemical diversion including through early-warning mechanisms and information-sharing arrangements.
    - e. Encourage collaboration between competent authorities and relevant stakeholders, including industry, academia and civil society, where appropriate, and in accordance with relevant national laws and regulations to prevent the misuse of chemicals and pharmaceutical products.
    - f. Support evidence-based prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration initiatives, with particular attention to the protection of children, youth and those



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in vulnerable situations.

g. Enhance cooperation in combating maritime drug trafficking and other emerging trafficking modalities through information exchange and capacity-building initiatives.

h. Strengthen institutional capacity through targeted training programmes, expert exchanges, technical cooperation and provision of equipment upon receipt of request from the affected member states, wherever possible.

i. Explore opportunities for deeper cooperation on emerging trends, challenges and threats related to the world drug problem, while respecting national sovereignty, domestic legislation and respective mandates.

8. We acknowledge with appreciation the valuable exchange of experiences, national perspectives and best practices during the deliberations of the Meeting, which contributed to a deeper understanding of contemporary drug-related challenges and opportunities for cooperation.

9. We express sincere gratitude to the Government of the Republic of India for the warm hospitality extended to all delegations and for the excellent arrangements made for the successful convening of BRICS-Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting 2026.

**Adopted in Guwahati, Assam, Republic of India, on 07 July 2026.**