Education not legalization.

Avaaz is means "voice" in several European, Middle Eastern and Asian languages and the Avaaz community which shares information in no less than 14 different languages and claims over 9 million members worldwide today was created and opened in 2007 stating its simple democratic mission as organizing citizens of all nations to close the gap between the world we have and the world most people everywhere want.

Within Stichting RCHF we agree with the democratic mission principles stated by Avaaz as we certainly need a better world and add to their principles a few of ours too including for all people to live in with harmony and peace amongst all nations, an end to poverty, violence and organized crime and a respect for the very earth we live on.

We can and will never agree to a new regulation on drugs that will lead to any form of legalisation. Avaaz has by calling for such actions failed in its democratic mission principles to its members worldwide and to every citizen on earth today as only a life without drugs can be a life lived to the full and a happy and succesful life for every citizen.

The failure and weakness of celebrities like Kofi Annan, Schultz, Richard Branson, Dries van Agt along with others is that they have failed to stand up and be counted regarding the drug issue. They have taken the easy road along with Avaaz in calling for drug regulation, which will lead to legalization.

Amongst their claims is a startling statement that says Politicians say they understand that the war on drugs has failed, but claim the public isn't ready for an alternative. How wrong they are we say within Stichting RCHF as millions of parents around the world can prove that <u>they do want an end to drugs</u> within our midst today. Drugs have all to easily destroyed their children's lives. In many cases the overdose has caused instant death and left a family without a child, in other cases a family of kids without a breadwinning Father or a Mother who is no longer there to help her child along the road in life.

Parents will not benefit from any regulations on drugs and organized crime will continue to spiral out of control as never seen before as is already the case in some countries with legal high substances were drug barons fight for market shares and the innocent gets killed or maimed along the way.

Young people will not benefit either from any form of drug legalization as this will be a blueprint to murder in many cases and in others the life of the young person will be destroyed forever as addiction comes all to easily and from there it's a downward slope to a painful and premature death. The UN convention on drugs is open and direct in pointing out that illegal drugs are not to be used for personal pleasure. Drugs affect the health of the consumer in a negative way and any drug should only ever be administered when sick by a medical physician; all other forms of drug consumption by any means are a danger to life as the statistics show of those who have died over many years from overdoses of illegal drugs, not to mention the criminal aspect in organized crime with abductions and forced prostitution of both females and males including children in many countries who are subdued by their captors with illegal drugs.

A lack of education about drug abuse is a major obstacle in the world today, as all too few parents know anything about drugs, whilst others are themselves affected and within a family with a drug problem before they realise what has appeared within their family.

Within Stichting RCHF we have developed a project of education for young people and parents alike in the Countries we work in as prevention is better than cure and because we respect the right of every citizen to correct information about public health issues as drug abuse is firstly a public health problem.

Avaaz with its millions of members would do well to follow with similar actions that are positive and would help stop the terrible abuse we see with drugs in our world today by educating its members about the dangers of drug abuse. After all drugs are a consumer market and if there are fewer consumers the demand drops. Every young person we educate today and every parent educated means overall one less likely consumer!

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