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Shared International Responsibility In Reducing NPS Global Trafficking

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Mandate and functions of INCB

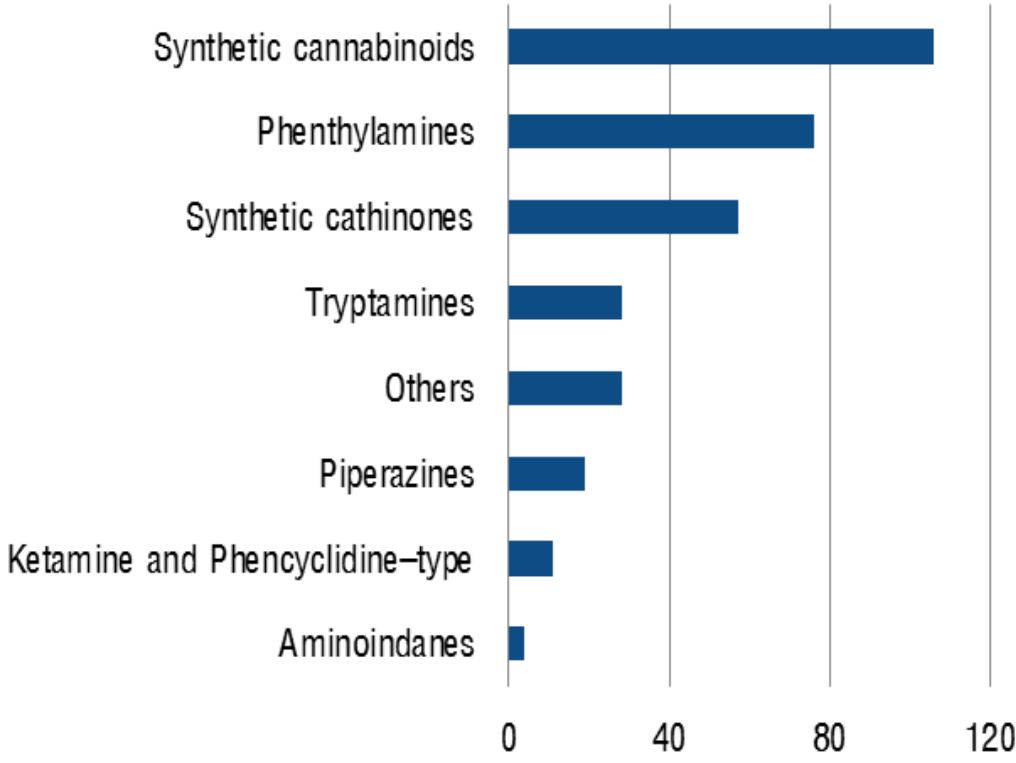
- Promote and monitor compliance with the three international drug control conventions
  - Licit:
    - ensuring availability of drugs for medical and scientific uses only
    - responsibility for chemical control intended for legitimate pharmaceutical and industrial uses only
    - preventing the illicit use of substances
  - Illicit:
    - ensuring measures are taken to address drug abuse, and the illicit manufacture of, and trafficking in, drugs
    - support diversion investigations by Governments
- Essential - ongoing cooperation with Governments

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New psychoactive substances (NPS)

- New psychoactive substances (NPS) broadly are substances of abuse, either in a pure form or a preparation, that are not controlled under the 1961 Convention on Narcotic Drugs or the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, but which may pose a public health threat;
- Largely synthetic substances, often little or no known medical, scientific or industrial use;
- Approximately 350 reported to UNODC by Governments

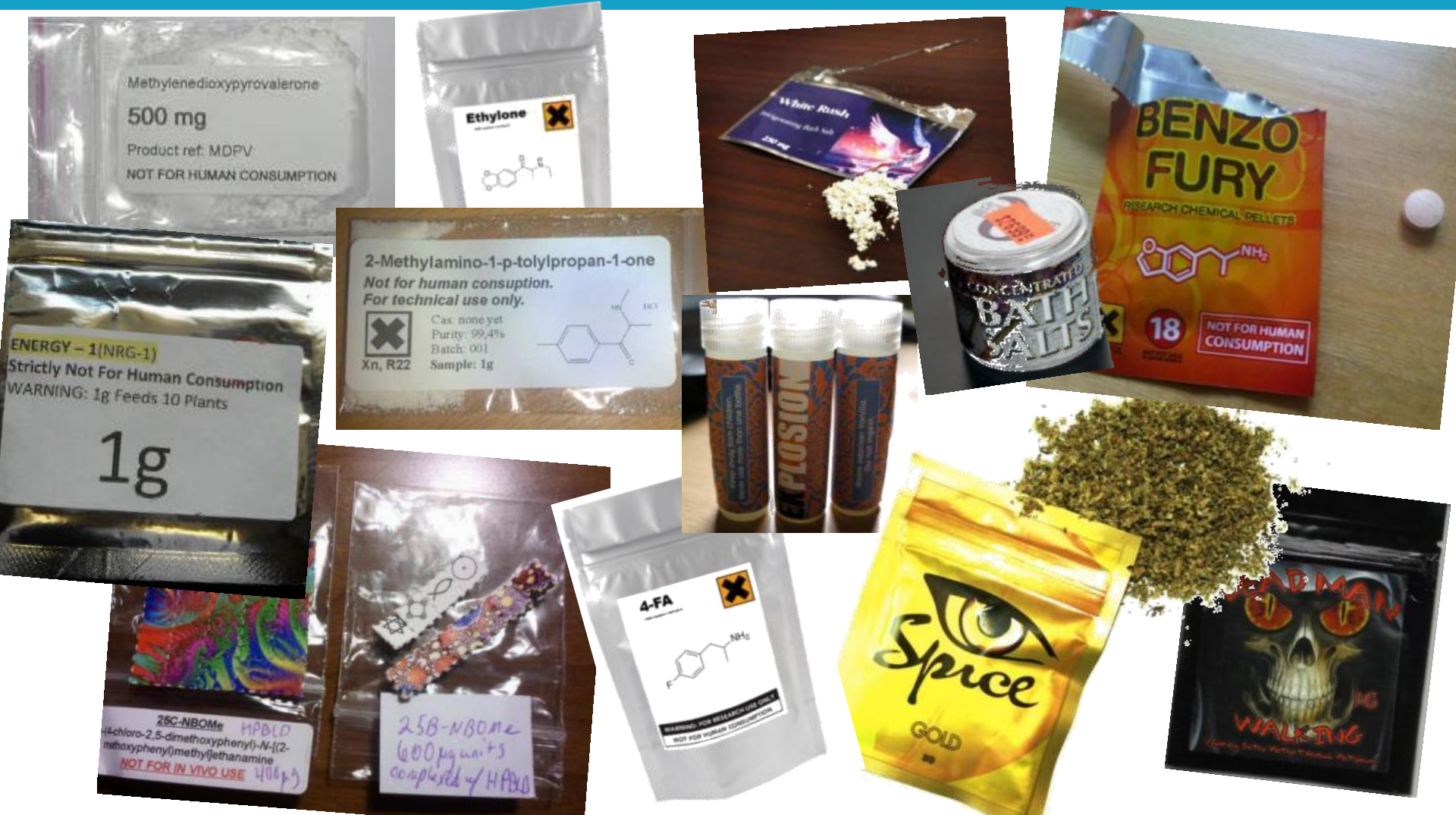
Number of synthetic* NPS reported



Source: UNODC, * Excludes plant-based substances

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NPS and NPS containing “products”



New psychoactive substances (NPS)

- Unprecedented variety of NPS
  - Largely synthetic
  - Little or no known medical or scientific uses
- More studies required to assess the health risks and prevalence of abuse
- All regions affected
- Importance of international cooperation
  - Information sharing
  - Scheduling
- INCB-initiated NPS task force
  - Multilateral mechanism to develop, communicate strategic and operational intelligence



International call to action

- Resolution 48/11… States and relevant international organizations to cooperate closely with the International Narcotics Control Board's task force initiatives … to develop of live intelligence-led investigations…

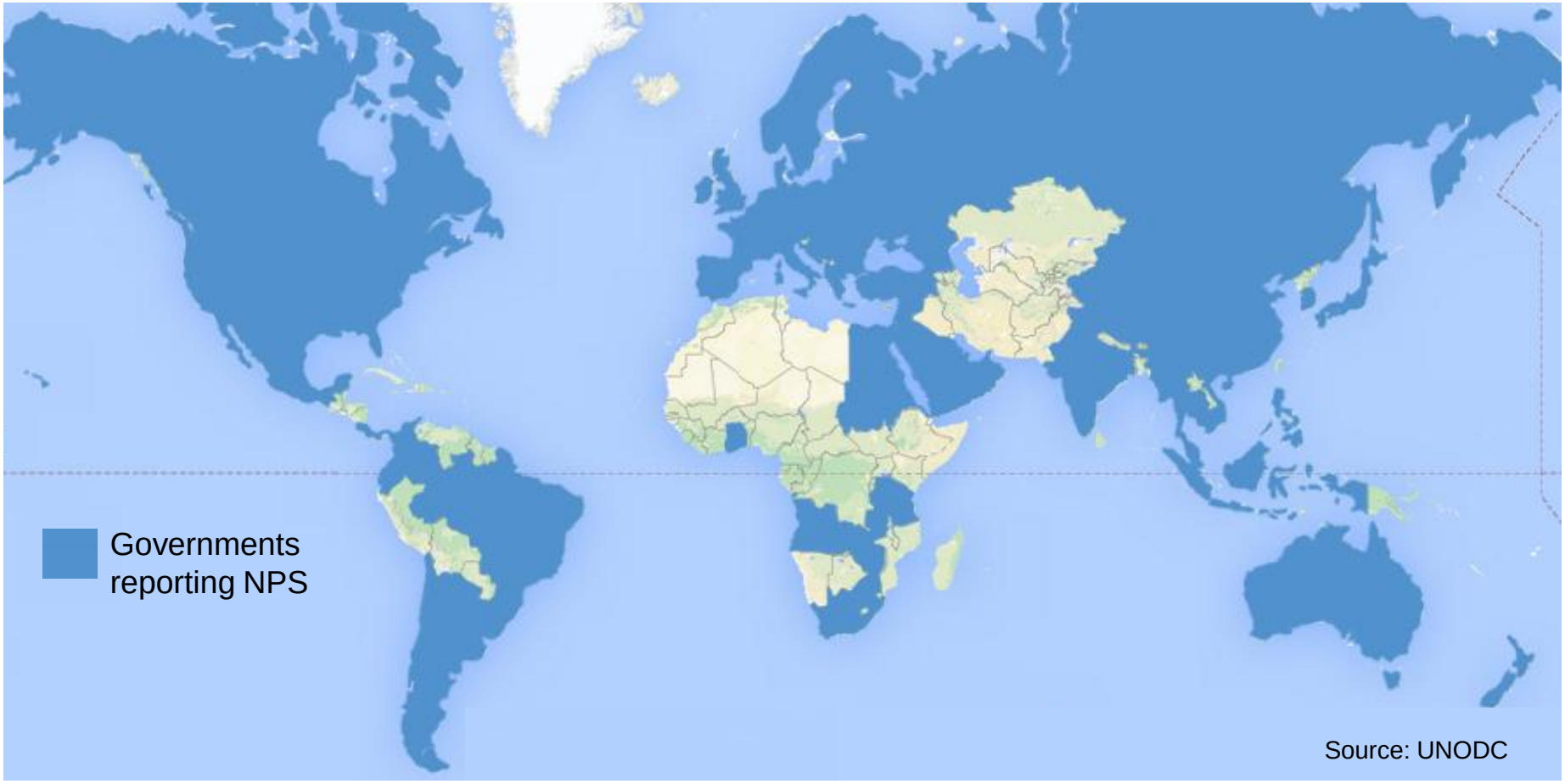
- Resolution 55/1, Member States to share information [*on NPS*], through appropriate bilateral and multilateral channels…

- Resolution 56/4, … organizations to share and exchange ideas, efforts, good practices and experiences in adopting effective responses to address the unique challenges…

- Resolution 57/9 (ex E/CN.7/ 2014/L.11/Rev. 1) … support activities under INCB task force on NPS, nominate a focal point, exchange communications, participate in time-bound initiatives that target major organizations…

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NPS traffic



NPS Operational Project ION

NPS Task Force directed mechanism;
Multilateral operational activities

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Real-time communication (*IONICS*) and sharing of operational information between national authorities (ION focal points)

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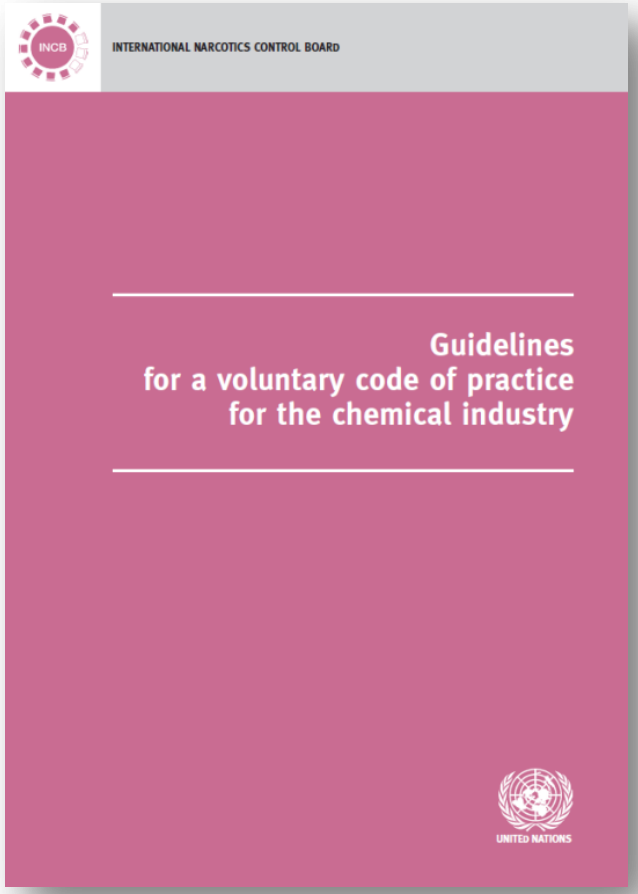
Prevent new psychoactive substances from reaching consumer markets

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Government – Industry Partnership

A tool to assist Governments in designing their own voluntary controls in cooperation with the chemical industry:

- Role and responsibilities of the Government
- Role and responsibilities of chemical industry
- Indicators of “suspicious activity”



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100 years of drug control



First International Opium Conference, Shanghai (1909)



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