



**Joint Statement of Villa Maraini Foundation, C4 Recovery Foundation,
PTACC, Knowmad Institut for the 67th CND.**

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

Before us, at the 67th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and during a critical midterm review, we highlight the transformative impact of the Rome Consensus 2.0. In the face of those marginalized by drug policies that focus solely on punishment as the answer to reducing drug use, the Rome Consensus 2.0 stands as a beacon of change, advocating for an approach centered on health, safety, and human dignity.

This session offers Member States and stakeholders a unique opportunity to renew our commitment to a humanitarian, evidence-based approach to effective drug policies that combine public safety and public health. The Rome Consensus 2.0 provides a framework for cooperation and knowledge exchange, reminding us of the importance of including everyone in our response.

Incorporating principles of prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and universal access to health services, the Rome Consensus 2.0 aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, charting a course toward drug policies that respect human rights, ensure public safety, and promote sustainable development.

What does this mean? Facilitation of access to treatment and using the continuum of care as a practical approach that combines fair, ethical, and person-centered policies in health, criminal justice (Deflection and Diversion as Alternatives to Incarceration), prevention, and community responses to addictions, all of which constitute one of the prongs of a more humanitarian and equally important effective approach to reducing drug use.

By advocating for a continuum of care, we underscore the importance of a seamless transition between different levels and types of care, ensuring that individuals receive the support they need at every stage of their journey toward recovery.

This approach aligns with our commitment to uphold the dignity and rights of all individuals affected by drug use, fostering an environment in which they can access the necessary resources and support to lead fulfilling lives.

At this critical moment, we urge all Member States and interested parties to support the Rome Consensus 2.0. Together, we can move towards a fairer, more effective drug policy, ensuring that our actions today contribute to a more promising future for all.

We appreciate your attention and urge you to join us on this path of transformation and solidarity.

**Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges
Towards Humanitarian Drug Policy**