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Combating the increase in drug trafficking around the world in 1976 and an emphasis on the Medellin Cartel run by Pablo Escobar

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The increase of drug trafficking worldwide was the beginning of a new large industry of drug production and transport to potential buyers around the world.

Most drugs are derived from plants; some of these drugs can be refined further to make specific types. For example, marijuana undergoes very minimal curing/production before it is used. Other drugs such as cocaine go through long processes of harvesting and manufacturing. Planting usually occurs in South American countries like Colombia. Drugs are then refined in Colombia, and smuggled into the US through the Florida coast. There's a number of ways this smuggling happened, whether it was in boats or planes. Much of this smuggling was explicitly sponsored by the CIA.

A large part of the production occurs in Central America in countries such as Mexico and Columbia where popular drugs such as cannabis(marijuana), cocaine and heroin. A lot of these plants were grown in drug farms in rural areas where governments didn't know about these drug farms. A lot of these farms were unnoticed and as these drug farms were continuing to rise and the increase of the demand of these drugs increased due to the popularization of "hippie" culture following the cold war (A series of conflicts and tense relations between the US and the USSR(now Russia)).

Hippies were groups of people that advocated nonviolence and love, they were anti war people hence being named, "flower children" and their popular phrase being "Make love, not war". These people promote openness and tolerance as alternatives to the restrictions and regimentation they saw in middle-class society. A major characteristic in hippies was that they smoked great amounts of marijuana and LSD to explore altered states of consciousness and lie in between a euphoric state of happiness resembling their anti war values. The cold war triggered this movement between different people as a protest, and the second trigger was the restrictions that middle-class society went through like minimal income, basic housing, fear of losing money/jobs. They felt that such attributes restricted their happiness and freedom.

As the US's market was getting larger drug farms increased by 58% and the increase of supply these farms looked elsewhere, this in turn made other parts of the world interested in the drug market. As worldwide investors looked at the success of the US market they started to import these drugs from South America. In Europe the opium drug was also traded a lot in Europe, the start of the imports of opium started around the 1820s during the opium wars. The import of opium also spread across the world in parts like Asia and Africa where countries like Afghanistan and Iran produced opium to make their small economies thrive after a series of wars like the Afghanistan war or the iraq-iran war and this allowed opium to spread and allow the middle east to become a opium hub for Africa and Europe

The Medellin Cartel was a powerful drug cartel and terrorist organization that operated from 1972-1993. Pablo Escobar is a well known Colombian drug dealer that was the founder of the Medellin Cartel, and orchestrated the smuggling of drugs from Colombia into the United States of America.

Due to Colombia's tropical climate, it was the number one grower of coca paste which cocaine is made out of. The Medellin Cartel bought their coca paste from Bolivia and Peru, and proceeded to smuggle it into Colombia where they established cocaine labs, in the middle of the jungle, that turned the coca paste into pure cocaine. After this, they smuggled the cocaine, to be distributed, into the US. Pablo and his partners smuggled their cocaine in; small planes, trucks, cars, suitcases, and even people(mules). Pablo smuggled 15tons of cocaine into the US daily, and the Medellin Cartel made \$60 million per day off of drugs. The smuggling of these drugs was possible through bribing, blackmail, corruption and extortion (which is committing illegal activities under the name of a business). The Medellin Cartel was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of civilians, police officers, government officials, judges, politicians, journalists, and presidential candidates. They started the largest nationwide drug crisis in the US and were held responsible for terrorist attacks like placing a bomb on a flight in attempt to kill a presidential candidate that was expected to board the flight. The Medellin Cartel became the biggest supplier of drugs, and Pablo Escobar (the man behind the operations) had a net-worth of billions, so much money it had to be buried around parts of Colombia.

Sample Clause: (You are not permitted to use this clause in the conference)

1. Implementing stricter, stronger US security border control protocols and technology such as but not limited to;
  - a. Security searches for all cargo entering the US borders
    - I. All types of cargo whether through sea or flight shipments to be thoroughly scanned and checked for any narcotics
    - ii. Banning any green cards that allow cargo to enter the borders without any security checks whether it was governmental or public cargo.
  - b. Increasing border security on the Colombia-Panama borders to prevent any drug smuggling
    - I. Overnight guarding of the borders to prevent the entering of drugs within American borders.
  - c. Close monitoring on all Colombian and US security forces
    - I. Monitoring security forces to combat black mail and bribery
  - d. Situating new US plane radars around Colombian-Panama borders
    - i. US radars around the border would monitor planes flying at low levels as original air traffic control doesn't pick up planes at low levels.
    - ii. All aircrafts detected to travel at low sky levels, lower than the normal levels are to be contacted, if failed, are to be targeted with the help of the US air force to prevent the entering of unchecked cargo.

**Note:** Making your clauses more detailed, allows the clause to be stronger and more effective. (Prevents the extent in which other delegates can object about your clause)

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