ECONOMIC AND SECURITY IMPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING
WHAT ROLE FOR AFRICA
WHAT EFFECT ON AFRICA
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ECONOMIC AND SECURITY IMPLICATIONS

I. Undermining Developmental Objectives:

1. Loss of productive population.
2. Corruption
3. Disincentive to foreign investment drive.
5. Inflation.
6. Destroying legitimate businesses.
II. Creating Socio-Political Instability/Insecurity

1. Undermine security apparatus; better armed and paid.
2. Jeopardize security; corruption.
3. Enhances political instability; compromise the polity.
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III. Increase in violent crime and organized criminal activities:

1. Cocaine use increases violent tendencies.
2. Inter-gang conflicts.
3. Rebel funding.
4. Arms trafficking.
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### Statistics Of Arrests & Seizures (West Africa):

| s/n | Country         | Mode                                                                 | Type of drugs | Quantity/ Street value               | Number arrested/ source          | Date/Time       |
|-----|-----------------|                                                                     |               |                                      |                                |                |
| 1   | Senegal         | Deserted boat – 50 bags of 24kg each                                | Cocaine       | 1-2 metric tons, US$ - 100million    | BBC News                        | 29/06/07 15:36hrs |
| 2   | Off The Coast of West Africa | Ship arrested by British Royal Navy                             | Cocaine       | ($60 Million)                       | BBC News                        | 08/10/06 18:46GMT |
| 3   | Boke in Guinea  | Small aircraft landed in Boke town, early morning, arrested by Governor Mayor & Top Police officers | Cocaine       | Large value                          | BBC News                        | 05/09/08 09:14GMT |
| 4   | Liberia Coast   | Ship off the coast of Liberia, 92 barrels, Ship spotted by French military vessel | Cocaine       | Barrels containing 2.5 tonnes        | BBC News                        | 01/02/08 17:00GMT |
| 5   | Sierra Leone    | Police after seizing a plane loaded with cocaine at an airport outside capital with fake Red Cross logo, pilot fled with no resistance from security operatives. 7 AK47 and 4 AK48 rifles, 339 rounds of cartridges | Cocaine       | 60kg ($54 Million)                   | 8 persons arrested             | 13/07/08 22:22GMT |

[8 persons arrested: 3 Columbians, 2 Mexicans, 1 Venezuelan and 1 US citizen]
THE ROLE OF AFRICA

1. Proximity to drug source countries (South America and Asia).
2. Vulnerability & susceptibility of Africa to infiltration.
3. Coordinated plan of action backed by political will and commitment.
4. Adequate funding of anti-narcotic police.
5. Strong anti-narcotic laws and money laundering.
7. Uplifting general well being of African people.
EFFECTS ON AFRICA

1. Rise in violent crime and arms trafficking.
2. Increase in drug abuse.
3. False economic boom and prosperity.
4. Safe haven for drug criminals.
5. Distortion of political fabrics.
THE WAY FORWARD

1. Results oriented plans and strategy.
2. Effective policing of African borders.
4. Adequate funding/equipping of Anti-Narcotics operations.
5. Good remuneration of officers.