Legalization, regulation and restriction of access to marijuana

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STATEMENT  |  DÉCLARATION

Chief Statement - Application of Moratorium

Diagnosis, September 9, 2016: The CMA’s position is that the Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation should strongly endorse the principle of a restricted access approach. Public health policies and programs, including those related to drug use, require a balanced approach that balances the aims of each policy. A comprehensive approach to drug policy will ensure that the needs of public health are not compromised.

An effective and responsible regulatory framework for the use of marijuana is critical to public health. The CMA supports the Task Force’s recommendations for a regulatory framework that includes the following key elements:

1. A comprehensive approach that balances the aims of public health with the needs of the public.
2. A strong emphasis on public health and prevention.
3. A focus on evidence-based policy decisions.
4. A commitment to continuous review and monitoring of the effectiveness of the regulatory framework.

The Task Force’s recommendations are consistent with the CMA’s position that drug policy should be evidence-based and aligned with public health principles. The CMA supports the Task Force’s recommendation for a comprehensive approach to drug policy that recognizes the importance of public health.

The CMA recognizes the challenges of implementing a regulatory framework for the use of marijuana. However, the CMA believes that the Task Force’s recommendations provide a solid foundation for a regulatory framework that is aligned with public health principles.

The CMA is committed to working with the Task Force and other stakeholders to ensure that the regulatory framework for the use of marijuana is evidence-based and aligned with public health principles.

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