



*Women's Organisations
Committee on Alcohol and Drug Issues*

Motion from KSAN/WOCAD to the NordAN Annual Meeting 2013:

Emphasize drug issues in Plan of action 2014

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BACKGROUND, REASONING AND PURPOSE

The number of new psychoactive substances has increased dramatically in Europe. WOCAD has noticed an increasing, aggressive and targeted marketing of both legal and illicit drugs to women, mostly online. Many of these substances have falsified table of contents and may pose an immediate danger to life. The proportion of young women has also increased among convicted of drug-related crime.

WOCAD fears that these trends will continue. These trends have important implications for number of measures, for example health services, as hospital departments and treatment services need to be increasingly geared up towards treating people who have taken a mixture of different types of psychoactive substances. They require also an active cooperation with various stakeholders to counter the continued marketing of deadly and unhealthy substances. NordAN, with its approximately 100 member organizations, constitutes an important forum concerning and combating these matters.

Today, the Board of WOCAD has decided to propose
**that NordAN –Nordic Alcohol and Drug Policy Network – emphasizes drug issues in
Plan of action 2014.**

On behalf of WOCAD:s Board

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