

February 14, 2011

Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare  
Mr Ritsuo Hosokawa

**Recommendations concerning the 54<sup>th</sup> Session  
on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

We, Civil Society Organizations working on HIV/AIDS, concerning the 54th Session on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to be held from March 21-25 in Vienna, recommend the following:

- Recognize harm reduction as necessary and successful measures in the responding to infectious diseases and drug use. Refrain from making any statements that contradict or deny this evidence based measure. If you seek to make statements similar to those of last year, we request the basis on which you hold this position.
- Include Civil Society Representatives to the Japanese Government Delegation to the Session on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
- Prior to the Session on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, convene meetings with Civil Society Organizations to openly exchange opinions and information on harm reduction. The position and/or statements made at Session should reflect the discussions that took place from the meetings with Civil Society.

We ask you to consider our recommendations and request for a response by February 21, 2011.

Africa Japan Forum  
Tatsuo Hayashi, Chair

Japan AIDS and Society Association  
Masayoshi Negishi, Chair

Japanese Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS  
Hiroshi Hasegawa, Chair

Materials attached to the Recommendations  
concerning the 54<sup>th</sup> Session on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

- 1 HIV and Drug Use in Malaysia (JASA Project DH Report 1 ) October 2010
- 2 Four Pillars of Swiss Drug Policy (JASA Project DH Report 2) January 2011
- 3 Statements of Japanese Delegation Introduced in CNDblog 2010 (JASA Project DH Report 3) January 2011