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TOPIC: Transnational Drug Trafficking and Non-State Armed Groups: A Threat to International Peace and Security

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Transnational drug trafficking constitutes a growing and multifaceted threat to international peace and security, intensified by its symbiotic relationship with non-state armed groups (NSAGs). This nexus creates a cycle of instability: drug trafficking provides critical revenue for armed groups to finance operations, procure weapons, and expand influence, while these groups supply protection, logistical networks, and coercive power to sustain the illicit trade. The convergence of these dynamics fuels violence, entrenches corruption, and weakens state institutions, particularly in fragile and conflict-affected regions. The resulting instability often transcends borders, undermining regional security and creating fertile ground for other illicit activities, including arms trafficking and terrorism.

Confronting this challenge requires moving beyond fragmented responses toward a coordinated international security framework. Effective strategies must integrate law enforcement and judicial cooperation, targeted actions against the financial infrastructures of criminal networks, and intelligence-sharing mechanisms. Equally vital are public health measures and sustainable development programs that address the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring a comprehensive approach that strengthens governance, promotes stability, and upholds the rule of law.



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