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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations (Vienna) and has the honour to inform about the Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section's (PTRS) Youth Initiative **Youth Forum**, organized in the context of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. The Youth Forum gathers active young leaders engaged in drug use prevention and health promotion from around the globe and provides them with a platform to exchange ideas and visions on how to better protect the health and well-being of their peers. The Forum is an annual event of the UNODC PTRS Youth Initiative (<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/prevention/youth-initiative.html>), which aims to empower youth to become active in their schools, communities and youth groups, and to advocate for evidence-based substance use prevention.

PTRS has successfully concluded Youth Forum 2023 and **shares herewith the outcome through the enclosed Youth Forum Report**. In preparation for Youth Forum 2024, PTRS is **seeking assistance from Permanent Missions in nominating the most active youth leaders in the area of drug use prevention** in their respective countries, especially youth who are actively working towards promoting a safe and healthy environment and the development of youth in their schools and communities. As the Forum will be convened only in English, with no interpretation services available, PTRS kindly requests that the nominated candidates (maximum of 2 youths between the ages of 14 and 23) be fully competent in English to be able to actively participate in the Forum sessions. Enclosed is a Question and Answer sheet where more details can be found on possible suggestions for identifying and selecting appropriate youth candidates.

PTRS recommends for the selection process to start as early as possible and **looks forward to receiving nominations of candidates by the Permanent Mission by 31 August 2023**. Nominations, including a short biography and contact information of the youth, should be addressed to Ms. Su Hong, Associate Expert, Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section (su.hong@un.org). PTRS is at the disposal of the Permanent Mission should the need for clarification or assistance arise.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations (Vienna) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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