Giorgio GIACOMELLI, Executive Director of the Vienna-based United Nations International Drug Control Programme, discusses current issues in the field of illicit drug use and trafficking. Among these are the opening up of trade world-wide, which has also made it easier for drug smugglers and money launderers. Mr. Giacomelli describes how countries which previously had few drug problems -- such as China and Pakistan -- now face growing numbers of addicts. He also says that experiments around the world with decriminalization of drugs have not reduced addiction. Sweden, in fact, has tightened up its approach after a period of liberalization. He calls for a major involvement by international financial institutions to take drug issues into account when supporting national development programmes.