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1. The Third Meeting of the ASEAN Drug Experts was held in Jakarta, 14 - 18 November 1978.
2. The meeting was attended delegates from Malaysia, Philippine, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore.
3. The meeting was officialy opened by this Excellency General Surono, Minister Coordinator for People's Welfare.
In his address he stressed that the Abuse of Narcotic drugs should be combatted seriously as this could endanger the National and Regional resilience, hamper and undermine the development Process and in particular it could destroy the future of our nation.
4. General Sugomo, Chairman BAKOLAK INPRES 6/1971, in his welcome address hopes that from this meeting the pattern of cooperation and it's implementation would be achieved and established so that the ASEAN declaration of principles to combat the Abuse of Narcotic drugs as agreed in Manila June 26, 1976 would be sigificance in uniting The ASEAN Countrues in pacing the danger of drugs.
5. The meeting had discussed the extent of the Narcotic Problem in each ASEAN member countries and the measures that has been taken to combat them and had reviewed the implementation of the recommendation made at the previous meeting.
6. The meeting was happy to observe that great progress had been achieved in the implementation of above Recommendation.
7. Realizing the importance of amore united emportance of a more united effort to be taken the meeting had agreed to recommend more effective measures in the field of Law Enforcement, Treatmen and Rehabilitation as well as Preventive Education.

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