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ADIC's Observation on How Policies on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Control Have Been Incorporated into the Manifestos of Presidential Candidates

The presidential election to elect the 9th Executive President is scheduled for September 21st. Our organization has presented 12 evidence-based proposals for controlling alcohol, tobacco, cigarettes, and other drugs to this year's presidential candidates on August 12, 2024.

Among the candidates in this presidential election, our organization has analyzed how the main contenders have included evidence-based proposals for the control of alcohol, tobacco, cigarettes, and other drugs in their manifestos as of September 6, 2024.

The table below presents an analysis of the proposals from those candidates for controlling alcohol, tobacco, cigarettes, and other drugs, as detailed in their manifestos.

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Proposals



Presented proposals to discourage the use of tobacco and cigarettes	—	✓	✓	✓	—
Presented proposals to discourage the use of alcohol	—	✓	✓	—	—
Presented proposals for controlling the use of illicit drugs	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Presented recommendations for advancing a scientific tax policy on tobacco	—	✓	—	—	—
Proposals Presented for the Regularization of Excise Duty	—	✓	✓	✓	✓
Presented recommendations for advancing a scientific tax policy on alcohol	—	✓	—	—	—
Presented proposals to control the opening of new liquor bars	—	✓	—	—	—
Presented recommendations to develop and implement the already existing laws and policies in the country regarding tobacco, cigarettes and alcohol control	—	—	—	—	—
Presented proposals to support current users to become free from tobacco, cigarettes and alcohol	✓	✓	✓	—	—
Presented proposals to introduce and implement treatment, counseling, other services and necessary programs	✓	✓	✓	—	✓
Presented proposals to accept and adopt the amendments which have been suggested over several years for the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act	—	—	—	—	—
Presented proposals to prevent the tobacco and alcohol industry interference which target to weaken existing policies and obstruct the introduction of new policies	—	—	—	—	—
Our country has signed the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), which is an international convention for tobacco control. Accordingly, presented proposals to complete its goals according to a specific time frame.	—	—	—	—	—
Presented proposals to save the country from the trap of legalizing cannabis, to inform the general public regarding the harm of using cannabis, and to take necessary action against different media which promote the use of cannabis	—	—	—	—	—

✓ Yes — No

According to our observation, we are not satisfied with the extent of the policies on the control of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs included in the presidential candidates' manifestos. However, the presentation of effective proposals in the manifestos of some candidates should be praised.

The control of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs is a crucial issue in the country, significantly impacting public health, the economy, and social and environmental well-being. We hope that the presidential candidates contesting in the upcoming election for the benefit of the nation and its people will incorporate these proposals and recommendations into their policy manifestos.

Furthermore, as the Alcohol and Drug Information Center (ADIC), we hope that the newly elected president will take urgent action to minimize the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in the country by implementing the proposals and recommendations presented by ADIC.

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