

## Editorial

### *The IMF demands blood money*

Colombia, a nation which has been virtually assassinated by bestial armies of narco-terrorists, has now been told by none other than the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to legalize the illicit drug trade on which those narco-terrorists depend. The message was delivered in the form of a “recommendation” that the country include income from illegal drug crops in national accounting statistics and calculation of Gross Domestic Product.

In other words, Colombia is now supposed to count blood money as a national asset.

The official news came in an announcement by Rene Verswyvel, director of the Colombian government’s National Statistical Administrative Department (DANE). As reported in the Colombian newspaper *El Tiempo*, Verswyvel released the first figures including coca and poppy production, and justified the inclusion with the argument that, if drugs were not included, “significant errors could be committed in the financial accounts, and even in foreign accounts.” The bureaucrat expressed concern that, if the value of the crop were not taken into account, Colombia might resort to foreign financing.

While *EIR* has been unable so far to get official IMF statements on this policy shift, it comes as no surprise. Back in the mid-1980s, IMF and World Bank officials nonchalantly told *EIR* researchers that drug crops should be treated the same as other commodities, and that their revenues could be used to enhance the country’s solvency. And in mid-May, during a visit to Colombia, Harvard economic professor and notorious misadviser Jeffrey Sachs told a Bogotá conference: “Imagine how the Gross Domestic Product of Colombia would improve if drug production could be included! . . . It is ironic that the Colombian government, like the Bolivian and Peruvian governments, has spent vast amounts of money trying to combat the most competitive economic activity those countries have, which is cocaine and poppy production. . . . It is absolutely useless to fight market forces.”

The IMF clearly is in total agreement with Sachs. The fact that illicit drugs feed a terrorist force, and that

they are the means of destruction of human minds and souls—as Pope John Paul II once put it accurately, a “new form of slavery”—carries no weight with those who are determined to maintain the power of the international financial oligarchy.

There have been initial signs of opposition to this IMF decision, both in Colombia and in the United States. *El Tiempo* wrote on June 16 that “if with this [decision], some crime were being committed, or if it meant that the government was going to stop fighting the production of marijuana, opium poppy, or coca leaf, one of the first to be tried would have to be the International Monetary Fund.”

Even sharper was U.S. national drug policy adviser Gen. Barry McCaffrey (ret.), who was interviewed by *El Tiempo* as he left a June 16 hearing at the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources. “It must be made very clear publicly that that is bloodied money: It is the blood of the Colombian policemen and soldiers. It is an illegal activity and this has to be the message which gets out,” McCaffrey said.

But how will the IMF policy be defeated? Do the forces yet exist on the world scene to defeat those who would legitimize the genocidal drug trade?

Colombia itself is a horrible example of what will happen if such measures are not taken. Under pressure from the international community to “make peace” with the narco-terrorists, the government (advised by Jeffrey Sachs, by the way) is in the process of negotiating away vast swaths of territory, and political control. The excuse is that such capitulation will lead to “peace.” The reality is that violence, not to mention mental destruction and slavery of all sorts, has only increased.

There is still a valiant resistance in Colombia, supported by a few in the government of the United States and some leaders elsewhere. Now that the IMF (supported by the “peace”-loving State Department), has weighed in, the face of the enemy has become even clearer, which is why you, as a responsible citizen, must join the war to eliminate the IMF and replace it, once and for all.