

ILLEGAL BORDER TRADE: ENSURING THIS GROWING SECURITY THREAT TO HAITI IS ADDRESSED

Security Concerns: Illegal border trade is growing in both licit products and illicit items, including drugs and arms. The U.S. State Department's 2016 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report says that the Haitian land border with the Dominican Republic is mostly uncontrolled, providing a low-risk environment for drug traffickers and other organized crime. Illegal border crossings, including of third country nationals that may be linked to international crime or terrorism, is also a growing concern.