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Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

South Africa: draft resolution**

Measures to support African States in their efforts to combat the world drug problem

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotics Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,¹ the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971² and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,³

Recalling also the commitments outlined in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,⁴ taking into account the principle of shared and common responsibility,

Welcoming the outcomes of the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement, Africa, held in Nairobi from 13 to 17 September 2010,

* E/CN.7/2012/1.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

² Ibid., vol. 1582, No. 27627.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.



Reaffirming the provisions of its resolution 54/14 of 25 March 2011 on measures to support African States in their efforts to combat the world drug problem,

Bearing in mind the commitments set out at the fourth session of the African Union Conference of Ministers for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, held in Addis Ababa from 28 September to 2 October 2010, to fight the illicit cultivation and abuse of cannabis, actively address the control of precursor chemicals and develop adequate monitoring and regulatory systems for ensuring the availability of drugs for medical purposes while curbing the availability of drugs on unregulated markets,

Noting with concern the report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the world situation with regard to drug abuse,⁵ in which IT was highlighted that there is a lack of current information on most epidemiological indicators on drug use, caused by a lack of sustainable drug information and monitoring systems in some parts of the world, which hinders the monitoring of changing and emerging trends, the implementation of evidence-based responses and the ability to assess the effectiveness of those responses,

Recalling the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, in which Member States took account of the need for indicators and instruments for the collection and analysis of accurate, reliable and comparable data on all relevant aspects of the world drug problem,

Acknowledging the progress made by African States in the implementation of the revised African Union Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2007-2012) and the mechanism for its implementation, follow-up and evaluation,

1. *Encourages* the work carried out by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other partners, as well as the intergovernmental regional bodies, in countering drug trafficking and organized crime, in particular the activities aimed at enhancing the capacity of the national agencies of Member States;

2. *Invites* Member States, in close consultation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, donors and other relevant international organizations, to invest, where necessary and taking into account specific needs and available resources, in capacity-building and quality-enhancing activities in support of the efforts of African States to combat the drug problem, with particular emphasis on the areas of law enforcement, forensic science laboratories, data-collection systems and services involved in prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, the judiciary and the drafting of legislation;

3. *Urges* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to provide technical assistance, upon request, to support African States so as to achieve an effective implementation of the pertinent provisions of the three international drug control conventions, as well as the Political Declaration and the Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to

⁵ E/CN.7/2011/2.

Counter the World Drug Problem,⁶ including strengthening their legal systems, enhancing the analytical work of laboratories and developing indicators and instruments for the collection and analysis of accurate, reliable and comparable data on all aspects of the drug problem in the region;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.*