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Chile, Costa Rica, Egypt, El Salvador, Norway and Peru: draft resolution

Preventing the use of illicit drugs

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recognizing that the world drug problem continues to pose a serious threat to the health, safety and well-being of all humanity, in particular youth,

Taking into account that the demand for drugs has a direct impact on the supply of drugs,

Aware of the violence generated by the world drug problem at all levels of the chain of consumption,

Recognizing that drug addiction is both preventable and treatable,

Noting that a considerable body of evidence developed through the science of prevention now exists,

Bearing in mind that, in order to reduce the need for treatment and rehabilitation, more and better prevention and early intervention is crucial,

Bearing in mind also that prevention measures must have an evidence-based approach to enhance their results, in particular regarding populations at risk,

Bearing in mind further that prevention is a developmental process, with exposure to risk changing at each life stage of individuals, and that prevention strategies should be designed for the domains where individuals encounter risks as they grow older,

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Recognizing that family, schools, workplaces and communities, inter alia, serve as opportune settings for preventing drug use problems,

Recognizing also the ongoing work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in developing international standards on the prevention of drug abuse,

1. *Urges* Member States to develop, promote and implement cost-effective policies and interventions to prevent the use of illicit drugs, with special emphasis on children, youth and populations at risk and utilizing current academic, scientific and practitioner-based studies to achieve that objective;

2. *Also urges* Member States to continue to raise the awareness of policymakers of the risks and the threats posed to society by the abuse of drugs, and of the individual and social conditions that make people vulnerable to abusing drugs;

3. *Encourages* Member States to target their prevention programmes at the domains where individuals, in particular children and youth, are most likely to encounter risks of addiction throughout their lives, such as the family, schools, universities, workplaces and communities;

4. *Also encourages* Member States to develop and implement specific policies and interventions aimed at the healthy and safe development of children and youth that are particularly vulnerable to individual or environmental risks;

5. *Further encourages* Member States to take into account gender-specific services in their drug abuse prevention systems;

6. *Encourages* Member States to promote public health and healthy lifestyles, including sport programmes, to prevent drug use problems before they occur;

7. *Also encourages* Member States to engage in close coordination with all stakeholders in their societies to target prevention with a cross-cutting and multidisciplinary approach;

8. *Urges* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue gathering information on national and international experiences and best practices, to make available information on evidence-based prevention activities and instruments and to provide States with guidance and assistance in developing strategies and programmes to incorporate those successful experiences;

9. *Encourages* Member States to cooperate, both on a bilateral and a regional level, to strengthen national capacities with respect to prevention policies and their implementation;

10. *Also encourages* Member States to exchange experiences and best practices on the prevention of illicit drug use in families, schools, universities, workplaces and communities;

11. *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 measures taken and on progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.