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**Letter dated 23 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative
of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Heads of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, adopted in Minsk on 10 October 2014 (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 106.

(Signed) Andrei **Dapkiunas**



Annex to the letter dated 23 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement by the Heads of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the maintenance and strengthening of the international drug control system

The Heads of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States express their commitment to the maintenance and strengthening of the international system for the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (hereinafter referred to as “drugs”), on the basis of the three main conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments, with the United Nations playing a key coordinating role. They confirm the status of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the Organization’s central policymaking body in this field. They consequently oppose attempts to undermine this system, including attempts to legalize drugs.

They stand ready to take part in a constructive dialogue on ways to enhance the effectiveness of international efforts to counter the world drug problem on the basis of strict compliance with international obligations. Effective law enforcement measures must be underpinned by a substantive socioeconomic component, including international projects to promote alternatives to criminal activity, as well as healthful choices and sustainable social development, prevent drug use among adolescents and youth, provide adequate compensation for honest work and ensure respect for the human right to a secure and decent livelihood.
