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INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

Letter dated 18 August 1986 from the Permanent Representative of
Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the resolution concerning illicit trafficking in drugs adopted by the Latin American Parliament (Sub-Committee on Trafficking in Drugs and the Informal Economy) at Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, on 19 July 1986.

I should be grateful if you could have the text of that resolution circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 102 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Resolution concerning illicit trafficking in drugs adopted by the Latin American Parliament (Sub-Committee on Trafficking in Drugs and the Informal Economy) at Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, on 19 July 1986

Considering

That the present international economic order has contributed to the existence of unjust trade relations and terms of trade, resulting in a situation in which the less developed countries must sacrifice their growth, development and the well-being of their peoples to fulfil conditions which jeopardize the stability of the democratization processes in the Latin American region,

That as a direct consequence of the above the Latin American economies are experiencing the following serious economic difficulties: existence of productive sectors which are highly concentrated economically and in terms of space, relative abandonment of agriculture and inability of agriculture to meet the growing demand for food, high degree of external indebtedness and lack of liquidity to meet obligations, difficulties encountered by Governments in obtaining sufficient revenue to cover growing current and investment expenses resulting from the unmanageable deficits which are clearly worsening the monetary stability of the Latin American countries, which are currently beset by serious inflationary processes,

That the structural problems are also manifesting themselves in heightened inequality in the distribution of income of the population and are increasing economic and social marginality leading to inadequate levels of nutrition, lack of basic services, illiteracy and low standards of living in general,

That these problems are encouraging the process of "informalization" of the economies, a fact which should be of the utmost concern to national Governments because of the growing weight it has in the domestic product of the region and the avoidance of taxes which it implies - which, in many cases, is magnified by the steady and growing flight of capital towards countries which thus, directly or indirectly, collaborate in draining the developing countries of capital, resulting in vicious circles which regularly doom the weak and benefit the strong,

That it is of the utmost importance to emphasize that the rural inhabitants of the countries of Latin America have been compelled to seek alternative economies in order to offset, in part, the deficiencies of their traditional economies arising from the drop in value of their products on the international markets,

That the financing, production, trafficking, distribution and abuse of narcotics is to be condemned,

That the traffic in narcotic drugs has an adverse impact on a country's social and economic development,

That the traffic in narcotic drugs is closely linked to plans and activities which disturb the political order and social peace of our countries, encouraging corruption in some political and administrative spheres,

That the high value which consumers attach to drugs as such, and the vast sums expended in obtaining and disseminating them and encouraging their consumption is the cause of, and sustains, the drug market,

That not only have the consumer countries not made the necessary effort in their own sphere but they have furthermore become exporters of what is known as the "drug culture".

Resolves

To ratify all parts of the Quito Declaration of 6 May 1986;

To encourage co-ordinated legislative and international action with a view to finding more effective laws to combat trafficking in narcotic drugs and drug dependence;

To appeal to the international community to use the means available within the legal order of each country to identify capital originating in trafficking in narcotic drugs so as to penalize the offence, including through confiscation and forfeiture of the earnings arising therefrom;

To appeal to Governments of the democratic countries of Latin America to hold meetings as soon as possible with a view to finding similarities in order to tackle the problem of drug trafficking on a global scale;

To appeal to Governments to analyse and quantify the informal sectors of the national economies of Latin American countries so as to establish common criteria leading to the definition of overall policies so as gradually to incorporate the economic movement of the licit informal sectors so as to ensure that solutions compatible with the realities of the development process of the region become viable.
