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The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the existence of organized criminal groups with transnational operations involving illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna and, hence, of the link between transnational organized crime and that form of illicit trafficking,

Aware also of the adverse environmental, economic, social and scientific repercussions of transnational organized criminal activities devoted to illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna and of the consequences of illicit access to genetic resources,

Convinced that both international cooperation and mutual legal assistance are essential to preventing, combating and eradicating illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna,

Recalling its resolution 2001/12 of 24 July 2001, entitled "Illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna", in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare, in coordination with other competent entities of the United Nations system, reports analysing domestic, bilateral, regional and multilateral legal provisions and other relevant documents, resolutions and recommendations dealing with the prevention, combating and eradication of illicit trafficking in protected

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species of wild flora and fauna by organized criminal groups and with illicit access to genetic resources and to present those reports to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its eleventh session.

- 1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/12 on illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna;¹
- 2. Urges all Member States to cooperate with the Secretary-General and other competent entities of the United Nations system, in particular the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat, by submitting comments on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/12, on illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna, information on relevant national legislation and practical experiences, relevant statistics on transnational organized crime and information on measures taken, legal proceedings instituted and penalties imposed against such trafficking, so that the report of the Secretary-General may be finalized;
- 3. *Encourages* all Member States to promote the establishment of mechanisms for judicial cooperation and mutual technical assistance with a view to preventing, combating and eradicating illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna:
- 4. *Invites* all Member States to promote and organize regional networks for information exchange with a view to preventing, combating and eradicating illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna and illicit access to genetic resources;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with Member States, to finalize his report and submit it to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twelfth session.

¹ E/CN.15/2002/7.