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The Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Strengthening the prohibition of illicit drug trafficking

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that, despite the efforts made by States to eliminate illicit crops, those efforts have not had the anticipated effect and a reduction in one country has been offset by an increase in another, so that the level of supply remains constant,

Considering that, in order to prevent such a situation, a regional approach is required, based on international cooperation, including the strengthening of capacity to prohibit drug trafficking from producer countries, with a view to reducing the price of coca leaf at the local level and making alternative development products competitive,

Recalling that Governments have adopted various measures to promote multilateral, regional, subregional and bilateral cooperation between judicial, police and tax authorities so as to deal in a comprehensive manner with criminal groups involved in drug trafficking,

- 1. Reaffirms the importance of prohibition as an effective tool in reducing the supply of illicit drugs;
- 2. Calls upon States to adopt effective measures to strengthen international cooperation projects aimed at the prohibition and control of drug trafficking in narcotics and to deal with the activities of criminal groups involved in such trafficking and the diversification of their methods and transport routes;
- 3. *Urges* States to include among those measures the exchange of information and experience, technical assistance, the use of mechanisms to facilitate investigation, tracking and capture of members of criminal groups involved in drug

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trafficking, the establishment of effective models for cooperation, in particular in the areas of air, sea and port control, and increased monitoring of controlled precursors and chemical components.