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Illicit drug traffic and supply: follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: measures to promote judicial cooperation (extradition, mutual legal assistance, controlled delivery, trafficking by sea and law enforcement cooperation, including training)

Australia and United States of America: revised draft resolution

Strengthening cooperative international arrangements at the operational law enforcement level in order to disrupt the manufacture of and trafficking in illicit drugs

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling its resolution 45/2, on enhanced measures for international cooperation in the control of illicit drugs, in which it recognized the importance of effective international cooperation in the fight against the global trade in illicit drugs, and encouraged Member States to further consider the need to provide the necessary legal basis to conduct joint operational activities across jurisdictional boundaries,

Recalling also its resolution 47/4, on cooperative initiatives and intelligence-sharing as part of international efforts to fight illicit drugs, in which it affirmed the relevance of measures that facilitated effective cooperation in international investigations of cases involving illicit drugs, and encouraged Member States to use established liaison channels and, where appropriate, to develop new channels for the exchange of law enforcement information,

Noting with appreciation the multilateral efforts of States to control and eradicate the cultivation of opium poppy, coca bush and cannabis plants and the manufacture of heroin, cocaine, amphetamine-type stimulants and other illicit drugs,

Recognizing the continuing importance of interdicting illicit drugs at their point of cultivation, manufacture or production or as close to that source as possible



in order to minimize the harm caused to communities in producer, transit and destination countries and the profiteering of criminal groups, which increases significantly at each stage of the drug trafficking route,

Noting the existence of many bilateral and multilateral agreements between operational law enforcement agencies setting out arrangements to facilitate transnational investigations and the exchange of law enforcement information,

Noting also not only the differences between the legislative and judicial systems of States, but also the common underpinning criminality involved in illicit drug manufacture and trafficking and the common goals of Member States to eliminate the subsequent harm caused to society,

Highlighting that the United Nations resolutions relating to the control of illicit drugs provide the legislative framework for the sharing of law enforcement information and for cooperative law enforcement investigations and operations,

Noting the examples of successful joint investigations involving law enforcement agencies at the bilateral, regional and international levels, which have prevented significant quantities of illicit drugs from reaching their intended destinations, that have resulted from existing bilateral and multilateral agreements between operational law enforcement agencies,

1. *Calls upon* Member States to continue to place emphasis on cooperative arrangements at the operational level in order to disrupt the manufacture of and trafficking in illicit drugs at their source or as close to their source as possible;

2. *Urges* Member States to maintain impetus with a view to entering into bilateral and, where appropriate, multilateral arrangements between national law enforcement agencies in order to ensure exchange of law enforcement information, sharing of resources and expertise, including training methodologies, and joint investigations targeting international organized criminal groups and to minimize profiteering from the trade in illicit drugs;

3. *Urges* the continued and strengthened commitment of Member States to multi-jurisdictional law enforcement investigations targeting transnational criminal syndicates involved in the manufacture of and trafficking in illicit drugs.