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#### Illicit drug traffic and supply

#### Argentina: draft resolution

### Strengthening information systems on illicit drug trafficking and the diversion of precursor chemicals

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 59/162 of 20 December 2004, in which the Assembly encouraged Member States to investigate the possibility of establishing operational chemical profiling programmes and invited them to support such programmes to the extent possible,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 60/178 of 16 December 2005, in which the Assembly stressed that data collection, analysis and evaluation of the results of ongoing national and international policies were essential tools for further developing sound, evidence-based drug control strategies and encouraged Member States to further develop and institutionalize monitoring and evaluation tools and to utilize existing available data to exchange and share information at all levels,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/14 of 24 July 2001, in which the Council recommended that Governments should facilitate the development of analytical methods for drug characterization and impurity profiling, and the development of chemical tracers, for the identification of manufacturing trends and new chemicals used in the illicit manufacture of drugs,

*Recognizing* the work done by the Laboratory and Scientific Section of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the international forensic community,

*Recognizing* the analytical limitations of current statistical information relating to illicit drug trafficking and the diversion of precursor chemicals and the

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importance of drug characterization and impurity profiling in obtaining more detailed evaluations,

*Noting* that an effective exchange of information on the characterization and profiling of drugs and on precursor chemicals of seized substances could enhance not only national, regional and international evaluations of the problem, but also operational information on illicit drug sources, trafficking patterns and distribution networks,

*Recognizing* the efforts made by various States to develop profiles and, on that basis, establish databases to improve information systems relating to illicit drug trafficking and the diversion of precursor chemicals,

1. *Affirms* the need to promote systematic studies that will facilitate the establishment of permanent databases on drug characterization, on drug profiling and on the use of chemical substances in illicit drug manufacture;

2. *Encourages* Member States to strengthen their capacity for the systematic development of studies on drug characterization and profiles and on the identification of chemical substances used in illicit drug manufacture;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in cooperation with Member States and subject to the availability of funds:

(a) To develop activities for training and technical exchange aimed at strengthening the capacity of Member States to carry out systematic studies on drug characterization and profiles and on the identification of chemical substances used in illicit drug manufacture;

(b) To promote the harmonization of practice and procedures and the exchange of information among Member States.