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Strengthening cross-border cooperation in the area of drug control

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Considering the importance of effective international cooperation in efforts to fight the world drug problem in accordance with the principle of shared responsibility, and noting the importance of Member States establishing the necessary domestic legal basis for joint teams to conduct cross-border drug control operations consistent with their respective legal and administrative systems,

Noting that successful international cooperation yields a number of benefits in terms of carrying out action and achieving positive results in efforts to fight the drug problem,

Calling attention to the successful joint operations conducted by drug control authorities at the bilateral, regional and international levels,

- 1. *Emphasizes* the importance of taking appropriate measures to facilitate effective cross-border cooperation in the area of drug control, in accordance with bilateral and multilateral agreements;
- 2. Recommends that Member States that share common borders but have not concluded bilateral agreements should enter into such agreements so that cross-border cooperation may take place within an established legal framework consistent with their respective legal and administrative systems;
- 3. Requests Member States to ensure that channels of communication among them are effective and efficient for exchanging information that may prove useful in drug control efforts;

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4. *Urges* Member States, in appropriate cases and in accordance with their national laws, to fulfil their obligation to conduct joint investigations of transnational criminal groups involved in the production of and trafficking in illicit drugs, in accordance with applicable bilateral and multilateral agreements.

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