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### Commission on Narcotic Drugs

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Agenda item 6

#### Implementation of the international drug control treaties

##### Azerbaijan and China: revised draft resolution

### Marking the centennial of the convening of the International Opium Commission

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* that the International Opium Commission, the first multilateral initiative in the field of drug control, was convened in Shanghai, China, from 1 to 26 February 1909, and that representatives of thirteen States, namely, Austria-Hungary, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Persia (now known as the Islamic Republic of Iran), Portugal, Russia, Siam (now known as Thailand) and the United States of America, participated in the deliberations,

*Recognizing* the great progress made by the international community since 1909, and aware of the challenges that remain in the field of global drug control,

*Stressing* the importance of international cooperation in efforts to fight the world drug problem,

*Expressing its determination* to strengthen action and cooperation at the national, regional and international levels towards the ultimate goal of an international society free of drug abuse and trafficking,

1. *Decides* to commemorate on 26 February 2009 the centennial of the convening of the International Opium Commission;

2. *Notes with appreciation* that the Government of China will host in February 2009 an event to celebrate the centennial of the convening of the International Opium Commission;

3. *Encourages* other Governments, organizations and civil society to hold celebrations marking the centennial of the convening of the International Opium Commission;



4. *Invites* the Government of China to report on its event marking the centennial to the Commission at its fifty-second session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments and relevant international organizations for consideration.

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