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### Commission on Narcotic Drugs

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Agenda item 3 (a)

**Thematic debate on tools for enhancing the effectiveness of international drug control and international cooperation in the fight against illicit drugs, specifically: data collection for effective drug control, including on the misuse of cyberspace**

**Argentina, Australia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): revised draft resolution**

### **Improving the collection, reporting and analysis of data to monitor the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Bearing in mind* the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,<sup>1</sup> that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,<sup>2</sup> the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971<sup>3</sup> and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,<sup>4</sup>

*Aware* of the need to establish adequate procedures to fulfil the mandates assigned to it with regard to the examination of reports submitted in accordance with the above-mentioned treaties,

*Recognizing* the urgent need to improve both the quality and quantity of data on the cultivation of illicit drug crops and the illicit production and manufacture of and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including access to substances controlled under the international drug control conventions, and of data

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.



on the diversion of chemical precursors, the use of illicit drugs and the adverse consequences of drug abuse and the measures to address those problems, including data on prevention and treatment, for the purpose of developing evidence-based policies,

*Bearing in mind* the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, adopted during the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in which Member States took account of the need for indicators and instruments for the collection and analysis of accurate, reliable and comparable data on all relevant aspects of the world drug problem and, where appropriate, the enhancement or development of new indicators and instruments,

*Also bearing in mind* that in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, Member States committed themselves to report to the Commission on their efforts to fully implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action,

*Underscoring* the importance of improving data collection tools in order to ensure a simple and more efficient process, thus encouraging and motivating a greater number of Member States to submit the required information on time and ensuring a more representative assessment, at the global level, of all relevant aspects of the world drug situation,

*Recognizing* the importance of building the capacity of Member States to collect and report such information,

1. *Invites* Member States to strengthen their efforts to review and improve data collection tools in order to attain an objective, scientific, balanced and transparent assessment of the progress made and the obstacles encountered in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, and of all other relevant aspects of the world drug situation;

2. *Decides* to convene an open-ended intergovernmental expert group to review the current data collection tools and collection, collation, analysis and reporting processes, based, inter alia, on the following general considerations:

(a) The need to design a simple and efficient reporting system that will encourage more Member States to report, in a coordinated and integrated way, on their efforts, achievements and challenges in the area of illicit drug control, as well as provide information relating to the nature and extent of the world drug situation;

(b) The need to identify deficiencies in existing reporting tools;

(c) The need to avoid duplication of efforts to the extent possible by duly taking into account existing reporting procedures, including those of relevant regional and international bodies;

(d) The need for accurate, reliable and internationally comparable data on all relevant aspects of the world drug situation, bearing in mind the value of comparing those data with previously collected data where possible;

(e) The possibility of a single, comprehensive data collection tool;

(f) The importance of learning from the experience acquired by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime through the data collection mechanisms for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime<sup>5</sup> and the United Nations Convention against Corruption;<sup>6</sup>

3. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary contributions for the purposes mentioned above in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to conduct a consultative process with Member States that draws on the technical knowledge of experts in data development and collection, information systems and the evaluation of public policies and programmes, an on practical experience in providing drug data, with due regard for the principle of equitable geographic representation and taking into account the general considerations enumerated in paragraph 2 above, and to submit to the expert group a report containing proposals in that regard;

4 bis. *Invites* relevant international and regional organizations, upon request, to provide to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime information on their experiences in collecting drug-related data;

5. *Requests* the expert group to submit to it, at its fifty-third session, for consideration and possible adoption, a revised set of data collection tools and mechanisms for the collection, collation, analysis and reporting of data;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit to it, at its fifty-third session, proposed measures to build the capacity of Member States to collect and report information.

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<sup>5</sup> Ibid., vol. 2225, No. 39574.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., vol. 2349, No. 42146.