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INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

Letter dated 14 August 1984 from the Representatives of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Quito Declaration against Traffic in Narcotic Drugs, signed by the Presidents of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela, by the Representative of the President of Peru, by the President Elect of Panama, by a member of the Governing Junta of National Reconstruction of Nicaragua and by the Vice-President of Panama at Quito, Ecuador, on 11 August 1984.

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It is requested that you kindly arrange for this communication to be issued as an official General Assembly document under items 12 and 101 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Quito Declaration against Traffic in Narcotic Drugs

1. Whereas drug dependence is harmful to public health, one of the essential assets of the human being and an inalienable human right.
2. Whereas any deficiency in public health is a circumstance that can affect and condition the economic and social development of peoples.
3. Bearing in mind that the repeated use of drugs affects the faculties and freedom of action of the drug addict, producing serious physical and mental effects which damage the personality of the user.
4. Whereas the illicit use of drugs has caused serious harm, with frequently irreversible effects, to youth, the most noble component of the human resources constituting the peoples of the world.
5. Whereas traffic in drugs and drug use, as a result of the technological advances in communications media, the unprecedented spread of transculturation, the increase in organized crime and other factors, can no longer be contained by isolated action on the part of States and call for multilateral action to combat traffic in narcotic drugs and connected or related activities.
6. Whereas there is ample evidence that the traffic in narcotic drugs is closely linked to plans and activities aimed at subverting the legal order and social peace in our countries, for the furtherance of ignoble mercenary aims.
7. Whereas it has been clearly demonstrated that the traffic in drugs is using means of corrupting the political and administrative structures of producer and consumer countries.
8. Whereas there is a need for international legislative action capable of directing an effective campaign against traffic in narcotic drugs beyond national frontiers and imposing penalties on offenders, wherever they may be.
9. Whereas the volume, magnitude and extent of the traffic in narcotic drugs represent a threat to society the world over, and particularly affect youth, and are harmful to the very existence and future development of the human being.
10. It is decided that the following proposal should be submitted for the consideration of the competent international organizations:

(A) That traffic in narcotic drugs should be considered a crime against humanity, with all the legal consequences implicit therein;

(B) That an international or regional fund should be established to provide assistance to developing countries affected by traffic in narcotic drugs with a view to combating and remedying the causes underlying those circumstances and providing them with suitable instruments for the control of such unlawful activities.

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