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**Integration and coordination of efforts by the
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States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice**

Colombia: draft resolution

Strengthening of international cooperation to address the links between the world drug problem, transnational organized crime and the global threat of terrorism

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Reiterating the principles contained in the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction¹ and the measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem,² adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together, and in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,³ adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/182 of 18 December 2009,

Taking into account the commitments entered into by the parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1954 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,⁴ the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,⁵ the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,⁶ the

* E/CN.15/2012/1.

¹ General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.

² General Assembly resolution S-20/4 A to E.

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

⁵ Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

⁶ Ibid., vol. 1582, No. 27627.



United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto,⁷ the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,⁸ and the existing international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism,

Emphasizing the need to strengthen international, regional and national measures to improve cooperation to address the growing complexity, diversity and spread of the world drug problem and its links with crime,

Recalling the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 relating to the links between drug trafficking and other organized criminal activities,

Recognizing that there are currently clear links between the world drug problem, terrorism and the various forms and manifestations of transnational organized crime, particularly money-laundering, trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, kidnapping and trafficking in firearms,

Noting that the threats and dangers affecting the security of States, including terrorism and transnational organized crime, supported by the enormous proceeds derived from drug trafficking, have a detrimental effect on the governability of States, hinder economic and social development and weaken democratic institutions,

Greatly concerned about the negative impact of the world drug problem and organized crime on human rights, the rule of law, the security of States and development and about the sophistication, variety and transnational nature of organized crime and its links with terrorist activities,

Taking note of the growing challenges to States represented by criminal activities and considering the need to strengthen the capacity of States in the areas of crime prevention and criminal justice by promoting a culture of legality and institutional capacity-building, public participation and international cooperation,

Recognizing that action to counter the world drug problem should be based on principles established by the international community with regard to drug control, namely common and shared responsibility, the adoption of a multilateral approach, comprehensiveness, balance, international cooperation, respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and that such action should be non-selective, not singling out States that are making enormous efforts to control the problem,

Taking into account the increasing violence resulting from the activities of criminal organizations involved in the illicit drug trade,

1. *Expresses* its profound concern at the close links between the illicit production of and trafficking in drugs, transnational organized crime and the activities of terrorist groups;

2. *Emphasizes* the urgent need to strengthen international cooperation in order to address the serious challenges presented by the increasingly close links between the world drug problem and the various forms and manifestations of transnational organized crime, particularly trafficking in persons, smuggling of

⁷ Ibid., vols. 2225, 2237, 2241 and 2326, No. 39574.

⁸ General Assembly resolution 60/288.

migrants, kidnapping, trafficking in firearms, corruption, cybercrime and, in some cases, terrorism and money-laundering, including money-laundering in connection with the financing of terrorism;

3. *Calls upon* States to increase their efforts to put in place appropriate regimes and institutional mechanisms, as well as programmes for international cooperation, and to promote cooperation among national law enforcement agencies in combating the world drug problem and all the forms and manifestations of transnational organized crime, in order to address effectively the challenges posed by the diversification of organized crime, its financing and its transnational nature;

4. *Also calls upon* States to adopt effective measures at the national, regional and international levels to coordinate their activities and intensify their cooperation with a view to preventing and countering drug trafficking and related crime, at the national and international levels;

5. *Encourages* States parties to the Single Convention on Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,⁹ the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,¹⁰ the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,¹¹ the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime¹² and the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism,¹³ to utilize the significant potential of those international legal instruments with a view to strengthening international cooperation aimed at tackling the world drug problem and transnational organized crime;

6. *Reaffirms* its commitment and determination to take immediate action at the highest level to effectively tackle the threats posed by the world drug problem and all the forms and manifestations of transnational organized crime;

7. *Underlines* the importance of identifying and sharing knowledge, experiences and good practices regarding national, regional and international efforts to address the impact of the world drug problem on the stability, security and development of States;

8. *Encourages* joint technical, logistical, financial and political efforts to implement regional strategies aimed at tackling the threats posed by the world drug problem and transnational organized crime.

⁹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

¹⁰ Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

¹¹ Ibid., vol. 1582, No. 27627.

¹² Ibid., vol. 2225, No. 39574.

¹³ Ibid., vol. 2178, No. 38349.