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Bolivia (Plurinational State of): draft resolution

Promotion of the use of a global seal for products of alternative development, including preventive development, as a mechanism for facilitating and stimulating trade in products from areas affected by and vulnerable to the world drug problem

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the commitments set forth in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session¹ and reaffirmed in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,² adopted in 2009,

Reaffirming its resolution 45/14 of 15 March 2002, in which it invited Member States to take effective measures and make determined efforts in the area of financial and technical cooperation aimed at promoting alternative development, including preventive alternative development,

Reaffirming also Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/37 of 22 July 2003, entitled “Strengthening alternative development through trade and socio-environmental preservation”, in which the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and all Member States were urged to continue to cooperate effectively on programmes to promote alternative development, including, where appropriate, preventive alternative development,

¹ General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.

² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28), chap. 1, sect. C.*



Considering that alternative development, including preventive alternative development, constitutes an international policy founded on the principle of shared responsibility that seeks to discourage the cultivation of illicit crops in countries affected by that problem and those vulnerable to illicit activities relating to the chain of production and stockpiling of and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Taking into account the need to strengthen and renew international cooperation measures in order to be able to effectively address the changing dynamics of the world drug problem,

Noting with concern that there is a high risk that licit crops grown adjacent to areas of illicit crop cultivation will be displaced or replaced by illicit crop cultivation,

Recognizing the need to implement political and trade mechanisms that stimulate, protect and facilitate the production of, trade in and use of products of licit origin with added value from areas affected by and vulnerable to the world drug problem, thus creating and promoting licit economic and trade options for populations and their territories,

Welcoming the proposal for a global seal for products of alternative development, including preventive alternative development, which was warmly received by the Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs between the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and the European Union,

Considering that specific actions are required to initiate and promote the use of a global seal for products of alternative development, including preventive alternative development,

1. *Urges* the application of the principle of shared responsibility in the social, economic and political spheres through the promotion of legal, sustainable and profitable options that are socio-economically feasible and contribute comprehensively to the eradication of poverty in communities and sectors of the population that have resorted to illicit drug-related activities as the only possible means of earning a living;

2. *Encourages* Member States, when appropriate, to undertake efforts to protect populations living in affected and vulnerable areas and their resources in order to ensure that socio-economic activities are carried out in an environment of peace and dynamism;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to strengthen the participation of citizens in efforts for the peaceful coexistence of populations living in affected and vulnerable areas through the creation of communication networks that strengthen the presence of the State and the fundamental social fabric, thus facilitating the prevention and resolution of conflicts in a harmonious manner and ensuring respect for human rights;

4. *Requests* Member States to foster international cooperation to establish a platform for comprehensive action targeting affected and vulnerable areas through cooperation and shared responsibility among the various national and international actors involved in the implementation of actions that contribute to improving the

quality of life of the population, thus reducing poverty and social exclusion and ensuring environmental sustainability;

5. *Requests* Member States to promote the adoption of international regulations governing the use of a seal for products of alternative development, including preventive alternative development, as well as the establishment of a virtual platform for consultation, as tools for facilitating the implementation of this initiative.
