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Côte d'Ivoire and Ireland:** draft resolution

Enhancing international cooperation to combat illicit drug trafficking and other criminal activities related to drugs in West Africa

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,¹ in particular its article 35, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971² and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,³ as well as the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto,⁴ the United Nations Convention against Corruption⁵ and all other relevant international instruments,

Recalling also the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,⁶ taking into account the principle of common and shared responsibility,

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** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

² Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

³ Ibid., vol. 1582, No. 27627.

⁴ Ibid., vols. 2225, 2237, 2241 and 2326, No. 39574.

⁵ Ibid., vol. 2349, No. 42146.

⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.



Deeply concerned that West Africa is confirmed to be a major transit area for consignments of illicit drugs, especially cocaine from Latin America, destined for international markets, with a particularly negative effect on Europe,

Recalling its resolution 55/9 of 16 March 2012, on follow-up on measures to support African States in their efforts to combat the world drug problem,

Also recalling its resolution 51/18 of 14 March 2008, in which it invited Member States and relevant international organizations to intensify their efforts in support of those West African States most affected by the problem of drug trafficking, and its resolution 53/8 of 12 March 2010, in which it recognized the importance of strengthening international, transregional and regional cooperation to counter the world drug problem and other criminal activities related to drugs,

Welcoming the adoption of the African Union Plan of Action on Drug Control (2013-2017) at the African Union Conference of Ministers of Drug Control, held in Addis Ababa from 8 to 12 October 2012, acknowledging the progress made by African States in combating the world drug problem and reaffirming the importance of viable and sustainable alternative development programmes aimed at contributing to the fight against the trafficking of illicit drugs,

Recognizing the importance of subregional programmes developed and/or implemented by African States, including in partnership with the United Nations, in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the European Union and other international partners, and welcoming in particular the sizeable contribution undertaken by the European Development Fund to support the implementation of those programmes,

Deeply concerned about the serious threats posed by drug trafficking to international peace, security, stability, development and governance in different regions of the world, in particular in West Africa, and especially in Guinea-Bissau and the Sahel region,

Mindful of the fact that terrorist activities in some regions, in particular in the Sahel region, are financed or supported by means including but not limited to the use of proceeds derived from crime, including the illicit cultivation, production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and their precursors,

Recognizing the need to take measures to prevent drug use, as well as to prevent and combat the illicit production and trafficking of drugs and the diversion of their chemical precursors, and the importance of continued international cooperation to that end,

Welcoming in this regard the decision of the forty-first ordinary session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States, held in Yamoussoukro on 28 and 29 June 2012, to renew their political commitment to the fight against drug trafficking, to call for the speedy implementation of the Regional Action Plan to Address the Growing Problem of Illicit Drug Trafficking, Organized Crime and Drug Abuse in West Africa, adopted in 2008 and to this end to direct the Economic Community of West African States Commission to urgently reactivate the Regional Action Plan,

1. *Encourages* the Economic Community of West African States to pursue the speedy and effective implementation of the Regional Action Plan to Address the

Growing Problem of Illicit Drug Trafficking, Organized Crime and Drug Abuse in West Africa, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to redouble its efforts to support the Economic Community of West African States through its regional programme for West Africa;

2. *Urges* Member States, in particular those of the region, to continue and step up their efforts to combat drug trafficking, to strengthen their cooperation among themselves and especially to support their national agencies and other relevant actors in working together and intensifying their international cooperation to counter the world drug problem and other criminal activities related to drugs, and stresses in this regard the need to strengthen the transnational cooperation of law enforcement agencies, information exchange and mutual legal assistance, in particular in West Africa;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States to continue to provide technical assistance, upon request, to support the Economic Community of West African States and Member States in these efforts;

4. *Welcomes* the contributions by the European Union and other donors in the international community to support the implementation of the Regional Action Plan to Address the Growing Problem of Illicit Drug Trafficking, Organized Crime and Drug Abuse in West Africa, and invites Member States and other donors to ensure further appropriate financing and burden-sharing, including through further direct contributions towards the implementation of the Regional Action Plan;

5. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for these purposes in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.
