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Addendum

Inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem

1. At its 12th meeting, on 20 March 2019, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs considered agenda item 12, entitled “Inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem”.
2. For its consideration of item 12, the Commission had before it the following:
 - (a) Note by the Secretariat on inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2019/CRP.5);
 - (b) Conference room paper containing the report entitled “What we have learned over the last 10 years: a summary of knowledge acquired and produced by the United Nations system on drug-related matters”, submitted by the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/2019/CRP.10).
3. An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs of UNODC.
4. A statement was made by the observer for Romania (on behalf of the European Union and its member States).¹
5. Statements were also made by the representatives of Chile, South Africa, the United States, Mexico, Belgium and the Republic of Korea.
6. The observer for Jamaica made a statement.

¹ The following countries aligned themselves with the statement: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, North Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.



Deliberations

7. Speakers welcomed the ongoing inter-agency cooperation and coordination efforts as a means of furthering the commitments to address and counter the world drug problem.

8. Full support was expressed for the principal role of the Commission as the primary United Nations policymaking body on drug control issues, and the importance of the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including United Nations entities, the scientific community and civil society, in the work of the Commission was underlined. Reference was made in that regard to the intersessional meetings, including the thematic discussions held at those meetings, the good practices portal and the dedicated website and implementation workshops on the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly.

9. Several speakers expressed appreciation for the efforts of UNODC as the leading entity in the United Nations system for addressing and countering the world drug problem, reaffirmed the treaty-mandated roles of WHO and INCB, and encouraged closer inter-agency cooperation and the sharing of information and data among relevant United Nations agencies, as well as with other relevant subregional, regional and international organizations, with a view to making the work more effective.

10. Some speakers reported on their States' efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination among domestic actors and enhance bilateral and regional cooperation, and in that connection, made reference to the sharing of experiences and good practices, and joint operations.
