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Addendum

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

1. At its 8th meeting, on 5 March 2020, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs considered agenda item 7, entitled “Inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem”.
2. For its consideration of item 7, the Commission had before it the note by the Secretariat on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS ([E/CN.7/2020/7](#)).
3. Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, South Africa, Chile, Ukraine, the United States and Switzerland.
4. Statements were made by the observers for the European Union (on behalf of the European Union and its member States as well as Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine), the Republic of Korea and Uganda.
5. A statement was also made by the observer for the International Drug Policy Consortium.

Deliberations

6. Several speakers expressed support for the principal role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the policymaking body of the United Nations in drug-related matters and the role of UNODC as the leading entity in the United Nations system for drug-related matters and welcomed the ongoing inter-agency cooperation and coordination efforts, under the lead of the Commission, to further the implementation of all international drug policy commitments. Several speakers commended UNODC on its cooperation with other relevant United Nations entities, within their respective mandates.



7. Several speakers welcomed the cooperation of UNODC with WHO and INCB in the implementation of the international drug control conventions, taking into account their respective treaty-based mandates. One speaker welcomed the opening of a UNODC liaison office in Geneva.

8. Several speakers highlighted the importance of coherence within the United Nations system and welcomed the United Nations system common position on drug-related matters, also making reference to the work of the related United Nations system coordination task team. One speaker emphasized that the policymaking authority of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should not be transferred to a task team established to enhance United Nations system-wide collaboration, and another speaker mentioned that the task team should regularly report to the Commission on its activities.

9. Several speakers encouraged 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. Some speakers highlighted the importance of international cooperation to counter the use of new technologies for drug trafficking.

10. A number of speakers underscored the importance of enhancing cooperation at the national, regional and international levels to effectively address all aspects of the world drug problem. 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.
