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**Crime prevention and criminal justice****International drug control****Letter dated 2 October 2012 from the Permanent Representatives  
of Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Missions of Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico to the United Nations have the honour to transmit herewith the joint declaration of our Governments on transnational organized crime and the global problem of drugs (see annex).

This joint declaration is submitted in follow-up to the statements made on this subject by the Heads of State of our countries during the general debate of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

We should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly under agenda items 103 and 104.

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Colombia

*(Signed)* Gert **Rosenthal**

Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Guatemala

*(Signed)* Luis Alfonso **de Alba**

Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Mexico



**Annex to the letter dated 2 October 2012 from the Permanent Representatives of Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

New York, 1 October 2012

**Joint declaration**

The Governments of Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico, convinced that transnational organized crime and, in particular, the violence that it spreads in the course of its criminal activities, represent a serious problem that compromises the development, security and democratic life of all nations, and that the United Nations should urgently address the issue, hereby declare:

1. That the consumption of illegal drugs is a powerful stimulus for the activities of criminal organizations in all regions of the world;
2. That, despite the efforts made by the international community over the decades, consumption of these substances continues to increase globally, generating substantial income for criminal organizations throughout the world;
3. That, with their enormous financial resources, transnational criminal organizations are capable of penetrating and corrupting State institutions;
4. That it is essential to apply more effective measures in order to prevent the illegal flow of weapons to criminal organizations;
5. That, until the flow of resources from drug and weapon consumers to criminal organizations is stemmed, these organizations will continue to threaten our societies and governments;
6. That, consequently, the approach maintained to date by the international community with regard to drugs should be reviewed as a matter of urgency, with a view to stemming the flow of capital from the illegal drug market;
7. That such a review should be conducted rigorously and responsibly, on a scientific basis, with a view to establishing effective public policies in this area;
8. That States should intensify their efforts to continue strengthening the institutions and policies of each country for the prevention and punishment of crime; their social programmes in education, health, leisure and employment; and the prevention and treatment of addictions so as to preserve the social fabric;
9. That States should reaffirm their commitment to combating transnational criminal groups with determination and in accordance with the principle of shared and differentiated responsibility, through international cooperation mechanisms;
10. That the United Nations should exercise appropriate leadership in this effort and conduct a process of in-depth discussion in order to analyse all the available options, including regulatory or market measures, with a view to establishing a new paradigm for preventing the flow of resources to organized crime organizations;
11. That, in this regard, the Governments of Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico invite States Members of the United Nations to begin, at the earliest opportunity, a consultation process in order to evaluate the achievements and limitations of current

policy, and also in relation to the violence generated by the production, trafficking and consumption of drugs throughout the world;

12. That we consider that the results of the above should culminate in an international conference that allows for the necessary decisions to be taken in order to enhance the effectiveness of the strategies and tools used by the international community to tackle the challenge presented by drugs and their impact.

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