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Implementation of the international drug control treaties: other matters arising from the international drug control treaties

Argentina, Bolivia and Uruguay: revised draft resolution

Proper integration of the United Nations human rights system with international drug control policy

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1

Bearing in mind the basic international drug control instruments, in particular the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,² the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,³ the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988⁴ and the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,⁵

Bearing in mind also that articles 1, 55 and 56 of the Charter of the United Nations provide that the Organization shall promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Noting that article 28 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights sets out the requirement of an international order in which the rights set forth in the Declaration can be fully realized,

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¹ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

³ Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

⁴ Ibid., vol. 1582, No. 27627.

⁵ General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.

Recognizing the role played by the international drug control bodies, which form an integral part of that international order,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 60/178 of 16 December 2005 and 61/183 of 20 December 2006, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that countering the world drug problem must be carried out in full conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in particular with full respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Bearing in mind the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, adopted by the General Assembly by its resolution 61/295 of 13 September 2007,

- 1. Reaffirms that international drug control must be conducted in conformity with international human rights law, as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁶ and the international human rights conventions;
- 2. Requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to work closely towards those ends with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the special procedures of the Human Rights Council;
- 3. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-second session on progress in that cooperation.

⁶ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).