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Follow-up to the promotion of best practices and lessons learned for the sustainability and integrality of alternative development programmes and the proposal to organize an international workshop and conference on alternative development

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its resolution 53/6, entitled "Follow-up to the promotion of best practices and lessons learned for the sustainability and integrality of alternative development programmes and the proposal to organize an international workshop and conference on alternative development", welcomed the proposal of Peru and Thailand to jointly host an international workshop, to be held in Thailand in November 2010, consisting of visits to various alternative development sites and discussions on best practices and lessons learned in alternative development with practitioners in the field, back to back with an international conference on alternative development among all stakeholders, to be organized in close collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

2. In operative paragraph 6 of resolution 53/6, the Commission requested the Secretariat to report to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session on the outcome of those meetings, including recommendations.

3. The international workshop and the international conference on alternative development had originally been scheduled to take place from 12 to

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19 November 2010 in various locations in Thailand. On 28 October 2010, the Secretariat was informed by the Government of Thailand that a decision had been made to re-schedule the event to a date to be determined in 2011.

4. Pursuant to operative paragraph 6 of Commission resolution 53/6, the Secretariat will report to the Commission on the outcome of those meetings, including recommendations, at a future session of the Commission, as appropriate.

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