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#### **Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem**

### **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**

##### **Addendum**

1. The International Workshop on Alternative Development, held in Chiang Rai and Chiang Mai, Thailand, from 6 to 11 November 2011, was attended by 104 participants comprising experts and government representatives in the field of alternative development from the following 28 countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cambodia, Colombia, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam and Yemen.
2. The Workshop took the form of general and break-out sessions. Expert participants had the opportunity to discuss perspectives and share experiences and best practices and to identify, agree and recommend inputs for the draft international guiding principles on alternative development.
3. The Workshop included visits to various programme sites in the Doi Tung Development Project in Chiang Rai Province and the Royal Agricultural Station in

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Angkhang, Chiang Mai Province, both provinces being formerly significant opium poppy-growing areas in the Golden Triangle. The on-site visits provided an opportunity for participants to directly engage with former opium poppy-growing communities and enhance their understanding of the realities and complexities of the problems involved, as well as the strategies and programmes to overcome them.

4. The closing session was co-chaired by Nongnuth Phetcharatana (Thailand) and Antonio García Revilla (Peru).

5. The outcome of the Workshop consists of inputs for the draft international guiding principles on alternative development (E/CN.7/2012/8, annex). Those inputs will be further considered at a high-level international conference on alternative development to be held in 2012 pursuant to paragraph 3 of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 54/4.

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