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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolutions AG/RES. 2556 (XL-O/10) "Hemispheric Drug Strategy and Preparation of its Plan of Action [, " AG/RES. 2537 (XL-O/10), "Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission," AG/RES. 2543 (XL-O/10) "Execution of the Hemispheric Plan of Action] against Transnational Organized Crime and Strengthening of Hemispheric Cooperation," and other resolutions related to the topic;

BEARING IN MIND the Plan of Action for 2011–2015 drawn up by the High Level Working Group, and the results of the 48th Regular Session of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), held on December 6 to 8, 2010;

AWARE OF the results of the Fifth Ibero-American Meeting of National Drugs Observatories, held in Montevideo, Uruguay, in October 2010;

RECOGNIZING that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime promotes the struggle against illicit drugs and international organized crime, and also helps bolster international action against drug production, trafficking, and crime through alternative development projects, crop monitoring, and other programs;

AWARE that the regulatory functions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs are different from the functions of the lead agency of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's drug program, and of the Document of Conclusions and Recommendations adopted at the end of the 54th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held on March 21 to 25, 2011;

RECOGNIZING the work of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) in enforcing the international drug control treaties and in producing its 2010 Annual Report, which showcases the many challenges facing drug control work;

AWARE that problems related to drugs, in the areas of both reducing demand and combating supply, must be addressed in a comprehensive and balanced fashion;

BEARING IN MIND that there are regional and international mechanisms for promoting cooperation in the areas of reducing demand, combating supply, and overseeing substances subject to international controls, money laundering, and other associated crimes;

AWARE of the member states' need for greater and more effective international and hemispheric cooperation and technical assistance, in order to build their national capacities to tackle the global drugs problem,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) to continue with its efforts to increase, strengthen, and improve coordination and cooperation at all levels with and among the other regional and international agencies specializing in the area, chiefly the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and its subsidiary bodies, the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), thereby avoiding the duplication of efforts and resources.

2. To promote the development and execution of joint, coordinated plans of action by the aforesaid agencies, in order to support the actions and build the capacities of the Hemisphere's states in dealing with the global drugs problem, in accordance with their areas of interest and national priorities, as regard both reducing demand and controlling the supply of illegal drugs and associated crimes.

3. To instruct the different meetings and Groups of Experts in demand reduction, maritime drug trafficking, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, and money laundering to strengthen or create mechanism for monitoring and assessing the member states' adoption and implementation of measures, recommendations, and commitments, within the framework of the objectives and purposes of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD).

4. To instruct the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) to promote and support the member states in creating national information systems through their National Drugs Observatories, conducting regular studies based on evidence, when appropriate, in coordination with the member states and with other specialized regional and international agencies, particularly the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

5. To make the execution of the activities described in this resolution contingent on the availability of financial resources in the Organization's program budget and other resources.

6. To request that the Permanent Council report on the implementation of this resolution to the forty-second regular session of the General Assembly.

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MULTILATERAL EVALUATION MECHANISM OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND the Evaluation of Progress in Drug Control 2007–2009, covering the results of the Fifth Evaluation Round of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM);

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) on the Hemispheric and Subregional Review of MEM Recommendations 2010, adopted by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) at its 48th regular session;

RECALLING the commitment assumed by the member states in the Declaration of Commitment of the Summit of the Americas held in Port of Spain in April 2009, to continue strengthening the MEM in order to meet the new challenges and needs of the Hemisphere's nations and to continue implementing the MEM's recommendations; and,

REAFFIRMING its commitment with the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) as an instrument for objectively measuring states' progress with the global drugs problem, for identifying weaknesses and areas requiring improvements, and for bolstering cooperation in the Hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the member states to participate actively in each stage of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM), in particular in the multilateral evaluations, taking into consideration the new Hemispheric Drug Strategy and its Plan of Action, in order to adapt and update the Mechanism to the new situations facing the member states in their fight against the drugs problem.

2. To instruct the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) to continue with its efforts to strengthen, through the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM), the member states' ability to gather, analyze, monitor, and assess national actions in the areas of demand reduction, supply reduction, and control measures.

3. To instruct the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) to support, through the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism Section, the Contact Group that is to draw up the document of draft amendments to the MEM for the Sixth Evaluation Round that is to be presented at the 49th regular session of the CICAD, together with the MEM review plan prepared at the GTI preparatory meeting. 4. To make the execution of the activities described in this resolution contingent on the availability of financial resources in the Organization's program budget and other resources.

5. To request that the Permanent Council report on the implementation of this resolution to the forty-second regular session of the General Assembly.