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from:	Presidency
to:	Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
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The Presidency forwards to delegations herewith the Bogota Declaration as adopted in Bogota on 29 June 2011 by the thirteenth High-Level Meeting of the Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean region.

1. The delegations from the States of Latin America and the Caribbean region, Member States of the European Union, the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, assisted by the General Secretariat of the Council, the European Commission, and the European External Action Service met in Bogota on 28 and 29 June 2011, under the co-presidencies of Colombia and Hungary, at the XIII High-Level Meeting of the Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs between Latin America and the Caribbean region and the European Union;
2. RECALLING the Summits of Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union, that were held in Rio de Janeiro (1999), Madrid (2002), Guadalajara (2004), Vienna (2006), Lima (2008) and Madrid (2010), where an Action Plan was adopted in which theme VI is dedicated to the World Drug Problem; as well as the commitments made in the bi-regional Declarations adopted at the High-level Meetings of the Mechanism;
3. STRESSING that the Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs between Latin America and the Caribbean region and the European Union is the most suitable bi-regional framework, carried out on the basis of dialogue, coordination and cooperation, to tackle in an effective way the World Drug Problem that affects both regions;

WE DECLARE THAT:

4. The World Drug Problem affects all States and, in order to confront it, coordinated and global strategies directed at each and every one of its underlying causes are required. We reiterate the convenience of uniting efforts in multilateral scenarios dedicated to this matter.
5. WE EXPRESS our commitment to the revitalization of the principle of Common and Shared Responsibility, as was agreed in the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
6. WE AGREE to continue tackling the World Drug Problem in order to reduce the negative effect it has on society, societal structure and cohesion, social inclusion, public health, the environment and on the security of citizens.

7. WE EMPHASIZE that the bi-regional cooperation complements efforts undertaken at the local, national, bilateral, subregional, regional and multilateral levels.
8. WE ENCOURAGE the sharing of experiences, knowledge and best practices, as well as capacity-building activities to strengthen national policies taking into account different realities and approaches.
9. WE WILL CONTINUE to support bi-regional projects based on criteria of effectiveness and efficiency, both in the areas of demand and supply reduction, and to undertake evaluations of those projects.
10. WE WILL FOSTER triangular cooperation initiatives, by which we mean the establishment of new relationships between traditional donors and new countries, as partners, in order to benefit a third country which requests such assistance, with the aim of strengthening capacities and institutions responsible for tackling the World Drug Problem in those countries, as well as initiatives to fight against new drug trafficking routes and modalities, such as those which make use of new technologies.
11. WE STRESS the importance of cooperation on alternative development in regions where crops are cultivated for the production of illicit drugs, including, as appropriate, preventive alternative development, with an integrated and sustainable approach, and having recourse where appropriate to comprehensive programs to alleviate poverty and social exclusion, with the ultimate objective of contributing to lawful viable social and economic development for both affected and vulnerable communities. Due attention should be given to technical assistance, in relation to the chain of production and commercialization of the products of alternative development.
12. WE TAKE NOTE of the implementation of the Cooperation Programme on Drug Policies between Latin America and the European Union – COPOLAD. The declared objective of this programme is to improve coherence, balance and the impact of drug policies in participating countries by strengthening the exchange of mutual experiences and bi-regional cooperation.

13. WE WILL STRENGTHEN strategies to prevent and combat the diversion of drug precursors and we will support the construction and improvement of technical capabilities. We agree to enhance international cooperation to prevent the diversion and trafficking of drug precursors, including by means of the existing bilateral agreements on drug precursors.
14. WE WILL AIM to tackle the emerging threat posed by illegal synthetic drugs.
15. In view of the threat posed by criminal organizations, involved in the trafficking in illicit drugs, WE PLEDGE to promote international cooperation within the framework of the United Nations to prevent illicit trafficking in firearms, their parts, components and ammunition, in order to improve the security of our nations, according to international law.
16. WE HIGHLIGHT the necessity to continue strengthening National Drug Observatories and developing and implementing standardized drug demand and supply indicators to allow for the development of an information system that provides comparable data to assist in the formulation and strengthening of effective public policies and to establish guidelines, criteria and shared objectives for knowledge management, information and early warning systems, in order to provide potential solutions to tackle the World Drug Problem.
17. WE WILL IMPLEMENT strategies to address prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, social reintegration and the reduction of the negative health and social consequences of drugs abuse, as well as the continuous training of various professionals, technical experts and other actors involved in the implementation of actions aimed at reducing the demand for illicit drugs.
18. WE RECOGNIZE the fundamental need to protect our societies from drug consumption by developing integrated prevention strategies combining universal prevention with programmes involving communities and addressing families, with particular focus being placed on children and youth at risk

19. WE WILL PROMOTE joint actions in order to dismantle organized crime groups involved in all illicit activities relating to drugs and counter the challenges posed by new drug trafficking routes.
 20. WE WILL PROMOTE joint actions that contribute to the development of investigations on money laundering related to drug trafficking, the means used to carry out illicit activities of this kind and the economic benefits produced by them.
 21. WE WILL PROMOTE actions in conformity with national policies tending to reduce, in an effective way, negative consequences that the World Drug Problem poses to the environment.
 22. WE RECOGNIZE the operational activities carried out through projects led by International Narcotics Control Board.
 23. WE APPROVE the 2010 Annual Report of Activities.
 24. WE AGREE to present this Bogotá Declaration to the Seventh EU-LAC Summit that will take place at Santiago de Chile in 2012.
 25. We EXPRESS our gratitude to Colombia for its hospitality as host country of this Meeting and co-president of the Mechanism.
 26. WE AGREE to convene the XIV high level meeting of the Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean region in 2012, under the co-presidencies of Denmark and the Dominican Republic.
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