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Implementation of the international drug control treaties: challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the World Health Organization and the International Narcotics Control Board in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations

Colombia: amendment to [E/CN.7/2025/L.9](#)

Amendment to revised draft resolution [E/CN.7/2025/L.6/Rev.1](#)

1. Replace the title in its entirety with the following text:

Strengthening the international drug control system: a path to effective implementation

2. Replace the operative section in its entirety with the following text:

1. *Decides* to establish under its auspices, and with the aim of strengthening its work, a multidisciplinary panel of 19 independent experts, acting in their personal capacity, to prepare a clear, specific and actionable set of recommendations aimed at enhancing the implementation of the obligations of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, as well as the obligations of other relevant international instruments, and the achievement of all international drug policy commitments, with a view to contributing to the review to be conducted by the Commission in 2029.

Composition of the panel

- (a) The panel shall be composed as follows:
 - (i) Ten members selected by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, ensuring representation of the five regional groups within the United Nations, with two nominations from each regional group;
 - (ii) Five members selected by the Secretary-General; three members selected by the International Narcotics Control Board, consistent with its treaty-mandated role; and one member selected by the Director-General of the World Health Organization, consistent with its treaty-mandated role;



Selection of co-chairs

- (b) The co-chairs of the panel shall be selected as follows:
 - (i) One co-chair shall be appointed by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs from among its designated members;
 - (ii) One co-chair shall be appointed by the Secretary-General from among the 19 selected members;

Criteria for selection

(c) The members, including the co-chairs of the panel, shall be chosen with due consideration to ensuring balanced representation with respect to:

- (i) Expertise in relevant fields;
- (ii) Geographically equitable representation;
- (iii) Diverse policy approaches;

2. *Decides* that the panel shall conduct consultations with States and hold consultations via a virtual platform in accordance with the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, with relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the scientific community, academia, youth groups, the private sector and other pertinent actors;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to serve, for the duration of the panel's mandate, as the secretariat to provide administrative support for the panel's work;

4. *Decides* to receive an update on the progress made in establishing the panel at its sixty-ninth session and discuss the panel's recommendations at its seventieth session;

5. *Encourages* all Member States, observer States, entities of the United Nations system and other observers to consider being represented at the highest possible level at the Commission's seventieth session;

6. *Stresses* the need to strengthen the capacity of Member States and relevant United Nations entities, within their respective mandates, to effectively respond to persistent and emerging drug-related trends and challenges;

7. *Decides* that the implementation of the present resolution is subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, and invites Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for the purposes described above, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.
