

Resolution 52/10

Strengthening interregional cooperation among the States of Latin America and the Caribbean and the States of West Africa in combating drug trafficking

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,¹ in which Member States reaffirmed their unwavering determination and commitment to overcoming the world drug problem through domestic and international strategies to reduce both the illicit supply of and the demand for drugs and recognized that action against the world drug problem was a common and shared responsibility requiring an integrated and balanced approach with full respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States,

Concerned that West Africa is emerging as a major transit area for consignments of illicit drugs, especially cocaine from Latin America, intended for international markets, particularly in Europe,

Noting that the majority of States in West Africa, in particular those most affected by the problem of drug trafficking, require financial and technical support in order to take effective action against that problem,

Recalling the deliberations of the meetings of the heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Africa, held in 2006, 2007 and 2008, during which the importance of establishing and maintaining contacts among the drug law enforcement agencies of the States of Latin America and the Caribbean and the States of West Africa in order to counter the increase in cocaine trafficking was underscored,

Recalling also the recommendations adopted at the Eighteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Tegucigalpa from 13 to 17 October 2008, in which it was emphasized that the Governments of States in that region should promote greater cooperation and coordination between their drug law enforcement authorities and their counterparts in West Africa in order to identify and arrest those responsible for trafficking in cocaine between the region of Latin America and the Caribbean and the African continent,

Recognizing the efforts of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to arrange for the participation of representatives of African States in the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, with a view to establishing and facilitating contact among national drug law enforcement agencies on both sides of the Atlantic and improving the exchange between the two regions of information and intelligence on drug trafficking,

Acknowledging with appreciation the offer by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to act as host to the Nineteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean,

1. *Invites* the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as host of the Nineteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, to revise, in consultation with Member States and the United Nations Office on Drugs

¹ General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.

and Crime, the agenda of the Nineteenth Meeting in order to ensure that particular focus is placed on cooperation among the bodies involved in tackling drug trafficking between the States of Latin America and the Caribbean and the States of Africa, in particular West Africa;

2. *Invites* the Member States concerned to participate in the Nineteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, and to provide resources through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to ensure the participation of senior officials of drug law enforcement agencies from States in West Africa, particularly from those States affected by drug trafficking;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to include in its report to the Commission at its fifty-third session on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission the recommendations adopted by the Nineteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, on how to improve cooperation between the States of Latin America and the Caribbean and the States of West Africa in combating drug trafficking, for consideration and action by the Commission.