Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

In order to take all possible measures to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, at its 4th meeting, on 4 December 2014, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided that:

(a) In order to ensure continuity with respect to its work preparing for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, a Board tasked by the Commission with the preparations for the special session would be elected based on the regional distribution of officers of the Bureau of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission. The Board would participate in the meetings of the extended bureaux of the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of the Commission and would assist the Commission and the Chairs of the respective sessions in fulfilling their mandate in accordance with Commission resolution 57/5 of 21 March 2014;

(b) The Board would be in charge of organizing all actions to be taken by the Commission in preparation for the special session and will address all organizational and substantive matters, in an open-ended manner, in preparation for and during the special segments of Commission sessions devoted to the preparations for the special session;

(c) The Board would facilitate the participation of all States Members and observers of the United Nations, along with organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks and other relevant international and regional organizations, parliamentarians, the scientific community and civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, in its preparations for the special session, in full compliance with Commission resolution 57/5 and General Assembly resolution 69/200 of 18 December 2014.