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**Commission on Narcotic Drugs****Fifty-seventh session**

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Item 4 of the provisional agenda\*

**General debate of the high-level segment:  
progress achieved and challenges in implementing  
the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on  
International Cooperation towards an Integrated and  
Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem****High-level review of the implementation by Member States  
of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on  
International Cooperation towards an Integrated and  
Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem**

1. The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on the occasion of the high-level review of the progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, 13-14 March 2014 and in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, has prepared an e-Publication entitled “*Contribution of the International Narcotics Control Board to the high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem*”.

2. The publication comprises excerpts from the INCB annual reports from 2009 to 2012 and constitutes an additional contribution to this important process. It highlights the critical issues faced in addressing the world drug problem as well as major challenges faced by States Parties and the international community in tackling the world drug problem and complying with the international drug control treaties. In its annual reports, INCB makes recommendations addressed to Governments and international and regional organizations with a view to improving the implementation of the treaties. Thus, this publication includes a selection of elements that are key to ensuring availability of controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing illicit drug manufacture, trafficking and abuse.

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\* E/CN.7/2014/1.



3. The e-Publication is available in the six official languages of the United Nations in the webpages of INCB ([www.incb.org](http://www.incb.org)) and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs ([www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/session/session-57.html?lf\\_id](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/session/session-57.html?lf_id)).

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