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Follow-up to the implementation at the national, regional and international levels of all commitments, as reflected in the Ministerial Declaration of 2019, to address and counter the world drug problem

Conference room paper submitted jointly by the Permanent Missions of Turkey and Iran (Islamic Republic of) to the United Nations (Vienna), titled: “Conference room paper on the document published by the UNODC Secretariat titled ‘Summary of the discussions of the informal technical consultation on promoting non-stigmatizing attitudes to ensure the availability of, access to and delivery of health, care and social services for drug users’”***

The attached conference room paper has been submitted by the Permanent Mission of Turkey and the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations (Vienna) for consideration by the Commission under agenda item 6 at its sixty-fifth session.

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The document titled “Summary of the discussions of the informal technical consultation on promoting non-stigmatizing attitudes to ensure the availability of, access to and delivery of health, care and social services for drug users”, published by the UNODC Secretariat as a conference-room paper (E/CN.7/2022/CRP.13) during the 65th CND, constitutes violation of the obligations and goals of the three International Drug Control Conventions.

The Secretariat informed States Parties that the said document was prepared on the basis of the decision taken by the CND Resolution 61/11. Upon careful reading of the CND Resolution 61/11, we see that there is no agreement provided by the States Parties for preparing such a document on behalf of UNODC.

Several countries raised their concerns and objections to the Secretariat about publishing such a document on behalf of UNODC, which represents all States Parties.

The said document is in contradiction with the existing CND resolutions and the agreed language. It also contains provisions and expressions that were rejected during the previous CND sessions and during the informal discussions of CND resolutions. It is regretful and not acceptable that UNODC published such a document in spite of the objections it received.

The said conference-room paper is just a reflection of the understanding of some specific countries, but not the UNODC. This document is a no status document for us.

We want to emphasize once again that CND is the primary policymaking body for international drug policies and UNODC is the responsible body to implement the resolutions and decisions of the States Parties taken by consensus.

We take exception of this publication and we strongly urge the UNODC to follow its customary impartial attitude with respect to the work which it is expected to facilitate.
