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Addendum

Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolutions 75/290 A and 75/290 B, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

1. At its 8th meeting, on 16 March 2023, the Commission considered agenda item 9, entitled “Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolutions 75/290 A and 75/290 B, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.
2. For its consideration of item 9, the Commission had before it a conference room paper containing a note by the Secretariat on inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2023/CRP.3).
3. A representative of the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies of UNODC and the Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs of UNODC made introductory statements.
4. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, China, Thailand (pre-recorded video) and Canada.
5. A statement was made by the observer for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (pre-recorded video).
6. Statements were also made by the observers for Médecins du Monde, Hepatitis Australia, Youth Rise and the Open Society Institute.

Deliberations

7. Speakers welcomed the contributions by the Commission, as the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control and other drug-



related matters, to the work of the Economic and Social Council. Appreciation was expressed for the Commission's commitment to continuing its work during the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing hybrid working modalities employed by the Commission.

8. Several speakers reaffirmed their commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and confirmed that efforts to effectively address the world drug problem and efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals were complementary and mutually reinforcing. The midterm review to be held by the Commission in 2024 was referenced as an important event in the lead-up to 2030.

9. Some speakers informed the meeting about national drug policies adopted with a view to contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and to ensuring that no one was left behind. In that context, some speakers made reference to efforts to promote alternative development and reducing health inequalities, as well as to the adoption of human rights-based and gender-responsive approaches in drug policies.
