

Statement by the Netherlands on agenda item 10 of the Reconvened 63th CND

Mr. Chair, let me start by thanking you for your expert leadership during this week's session and also during the long run-up to it. My compliments also go to the Secretariat for the organisation of this reconvened Session and their constant support to the Commission under difficult conditions.

Mr. Chair, the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination in 2018 adopted the 'United Nations System Common Position supporting the implementation of the international drug control policy through effective inter-agency collaboration'. At the same occasion, the Chief Executives Board created an Inter-agency Task Team of interested United Nations system entities, with the task to translate the common position into practice. UNODC had a coordinating role in the drafting process and is also the agency leading the Task Team.

Although it is clear that the UN Common Position is an internal UN document, it is of great relevance to member states. A coordinated and coherent response by the UN system as a whole will undoubtedly help Governments to better find evidence-based and integrated solutions to address the world drug problem. For that reason, Mr Chair, the NL would very much welcome regular updates by UNODC on the implementation of the Common Position and the work of the Task Team.

The NL therefore fully supports the intervention made by Switzerland on this point, and I would like to state for the record of this meeting that the NL would welcome the inclusion of a separate item on the implementation of the UN System Common Position on Drug Policy on the CND agenda at the earliest convenience.

Thank you Mr. Chair.