2024 ECOSOC COORDINATION SEGMENT

Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions

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Let me begin by affirming the Commission’s strong commitment to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda through balanced, integrated, comprehensive, multi-disciplinary and scientific evidence-based international drug control policies. **Efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and to effectively address the world drug problem,** as emphasised in the 2019 Ministerial Declaration, are **complementary and mutually reinforcing.**

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The **four resolutions** adopted at the sixty-sixth session in 2023 covering a range of topics which you see on the screen are reflective of our resolve. The **resolution on alternative development,** with its call upon Member States to support the empowerment and participation of local communities, for example, **makes an important contribution to eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises.**

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The Commission also adopted a resolution outlining the modalities for **the midterm review** to be held during the 67th session of the CND in 2024, to review
progress made on addressing the drug-related challenges identified in the 2019 Ministerial Declaration. A high-level segment will be held on **14-15 March 2024**, in Vienna, and Member States aim to adopt a concise, action-oriented document that focuses on taking stock of the implementation of all international drug policy commitments and how to accelerate the implementation of all existing commitments between 2024 and 2029.

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The informal consultations on the outcome document started in January 2024. I have also launched a “Pledge4Action” initiative to mobilize Member States’ commitment toward concrete, impactful actions along the challenges outlined in the 2019 Ministerial Declaration.

In conclusion, the Commission endeavours to actively participate and make meaningful contributions to the preparations for the 2024 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) and the forthcoming Summit of the Future.

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Thank you for your attention.