Committee: UNODC

Topic: Establishing policies to eradicate drug money laundering

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**Signatories:** Mali, Grenada, Albania, Myanmar, Estonia, Australia, Belgium, Algeria, El Salvador, USA, Germany, Venezuela, Bangladesh, Netherlands, Yemen, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Israel, Czech Republic, Tanzania, Qatar, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Rwanda, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Iceland, Syria, South Sudan, Dominican Republic, China,

Denmark, DPRK, Armenia, Thailand

United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime,

Acknowledging, the global issue of drug money laundering and its detrimental impact on international security, public health, and economic stability,

*Emphasizing,* the importance of a collective international effort to eradicate drug money laundering,

Recognizing the interconnectedness of these issues and the need for comprehensive strategies to address them effectively,

- 1. <u>Encourages</u> Member States to promote international cooperation through:
  - Sharing information and intelligence related to drug money laundering and drug trafficking,
  - Supporting regional initiatives to address drug-related challenges, such as the Central American Integration System (SICA) or the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA),
  - c. Collaborating with international organizations, including INTERPOL, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB);
- 2. 2. Urges reducing drug consumption in Member States by:
  - a. Improving public awareness campaigns to educate the public about the risks associated with drug use,
  - b. Making drug treatment and rehabilitation programs for individuals suffering from substance use disorders more accessible,
  - c. Encouraging research and data collection to better understand the motivations of drug consumption and to inform evidence-based policies;
- 3. 3. Recommends Member States to create firmer policies on economic activities that are considered vulnerable to money laundering such as but not limited to:
  - a. Gambling games, contests and sweepstakes,
  - b. Real estate leasing,
  - c. Auction and marketing of works of art,

- d. Credit and loan services,
- e. Donations to non-profit associations and societies;
- 4. <u>Endorses</u> strengthening targeted sanctions on traffickers and organized criminal networks involved in and profiting from illicit drug trafficking activities;
- 5. <u>Considers</u> the strengthening, enhancing, and securing of international cooperation and coordination among financial management stakeholders and nations, by yet not limited to:
  - a. The exchange of information through secure channels and law enforcement agencies,
  - b. Facilitating the effective detection of international and cross-border money laundering activities related to the drug trade,
  - c. Implementing measures to detect, investigate, and prosecute cases of drug money laundering,
  - d. Establishing and strengthening agreements for this purpose;
- 6. <u>Requests</u> Member States to take part in the issue to develop and implement effective measures to prevent and detect drug money laundering; while ensuring the protection of sensitive information and respecting privacy rights for 'whistleblowers' and individuals having notice of this process;
- 7. <u>Further recommends</u> Member States to explore innovative and new technologies that may aid in the solution of this topic; such as artificial intelligence, in their efforts to combat drug money laundering, while ensuring the protection of privacy and human rights;
- 8. <u>Reminds</u> the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to continue providing assistance and building support to Member States in their efforts to combat drug money laundering, and invites relevant regional and international organizations to contribute to these efforts.