



## **Special Communiqué on World Drugs Problem**

1. The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011, within the framework of the Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC):
2. Considering that the world drugs problem involves all States and to combat this scourge are required regional and global strategies against all the links that are part of the same;
3. Reaffirming the need of a comprehensive and balanced treatment for the world drugs problem, considering both supply and demand reduction, and dealing with it under the principle of shared responsibility;
4. Recognizing that the effective reduction of demand in developed countries is an essential condition to succeed in the fight against illicit drugs trafficking and related crimes;



5. Recognizing also the efforts made by Latin American and Caribbean States, at national and regional level counter the world drug problem and the high priority that has for our governments the security of the citizens;
6. Reaffirming that international cooperation and the exchange of useful information among our States on the basis of mutual confidence, is a fundamental part of our struggle against transnational organized crime and world drugs problem;
7. Concerned about the diversification of criminal activities of transnational organized crime which have exceeded drugs trafficking in order to get increasingly involved, among other related crimes, in the chemical precursors and other substances diversion towards the illicit production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in the money laundering, and in the weapon trafficking, which are translated into the increase of violence.
8. We decide:



9. To reaffirm our countries' commitment in the struggle against the global drugs problem from a comprehensive and balanced approach based on the validity of the shared responsibility principle.

10. To demand developed countries, where there is more demand of illicit drugs, to reduce significantly the consumption in order to implement efficient controls to weapon trafficking.

11. To highlight the importance of the regional cooperation to strengthen national efforts carried out by our countries in order to fight against transnational organised crime, in particular against drug trafficking, weapon trafficking, money laundering, deviation of chemical precursors and other related crimes.

13. To take effective measures at regional and national level, as well as to promote a close cooperation among our States in order to prevent that organizations involved in illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs get firearms and their parts and ammunition.



14. To foster effective measures at regional and national level to cooperate with the countries whose territories are used as transit point for illicit drug trafficking.

15. To urge the countries where there is a great demand for drugs to reduce significantly the consumption of drugs, as well as to establish effective controls to the illegal trafficking in drugs.

16. To strengthen our systems of prevention, timely identification, primary care, treatment and social reintegration of the persons with drug use problem, abuse and dependence of drugs, as well as to strengthen the development of regional policies and technologies in order to facilitate the implementation of programmes, services and models on this matter, for reducing demand.

17. To welcome the proposal of the Peruvian Government to carry out, in 2012, a High Level International Conference to analyze and implement concrete measures on World Drugs Problems which contributes to the ongoing important initiatives of the region



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and, in the global sphere, of the United Nations on this subject.