Commission on Narcotic Drugs
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Item 6 (d) of the provisional agenda*
Implementation of the international drug control treaties:
other matters arising from the international drug control
 treaties

Uruguay: draft resolution

Ensuring the proper integration of the United Nations human
rights system with international drug control policy

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human
Rights,¹

Acknowledging that article 28 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
sets out the requirement of an international order in which the rights set forth in the
Declaration can be fully realized,

Bearing in mind that Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations provides
that the Organization shall promote universal respect for, and observance of, human
rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language
or religion,

Recognizing that the international drug control bodies form an integral part of
that international order,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 60/178 of 16 December 2005 and
61/183 of 20 December 2006, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that countering the
world drug problem must be carried out in full conformity with the purposes and
principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in particular with full respect for
all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

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 ¹ E/CN.7/2008/1.
 ¹ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).
Bearing in mind the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,2 adopted in September 2007,

Recognizing that the human rights treaty monitoring bodies and the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions have stated that the death penalty for drug-related offences is a violation of international human rights law,

1. Reaffirms that international drug control must be conducted in conformity with international human rights law, as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights3 and the international human rights conventions;

2. Calls on all States to abolish the use of the death penalty in cases involving drug-related offences;

3. Requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to work closely in this respect with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the special procedures of the Human Rights Council;

4. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to inform the Commission at its fifty-second session of human rights guarantees relating to the implementation of relevant legislation, the eradication of drug crops and the provision of legal and therapeutic assistance.

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2 General Assembly resolution 61/295, annex.
3 General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).