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Delegations will find in annex the European Union Statement which was expressed, on behalf of the EU, on the occasion of the 63rd session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna.



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the 63rd Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
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Distinguished Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. Norway aligns itself with this statement. Australia and Uruguay associate themselves with this statement.

The European Union and its Member States welcome the adoption of the resolution by consensus, and thank the cosponsors for their support and all the delegations for their constructive cooperation. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Chair of the Committee of the Whole for ably leading us to conclude our work well in time and in the spirit of Vienna.

The resolution is consistent with our joint commitments to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem, highlighting the value of access to evidence-based data and the need for strengthened data collection, including through effective UN interagency cooperation and targeted capacity building. We encourage the UN entities to continue cooperating and coordinating closely with other relevant regional and international organisations.

The collection and analysis of data, at national, regional and global level, is crucial to get a more comprehensive picture of the drug situation, and to underpin our policy discussions as well as our responses.

In that regard, we support the UN system common position on drug-related matters, and the UN inter-agency task team in order to best support Member States in making informed and evidence-based policy decisions in tackling drug-related challenges.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.
