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Joint Statement by
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Mr. President,

Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales and Conectas would like to call your attention to the protection of human rights in relation with the “war on drugs” and international drug control policies. We have seen the increased use of lethal force and police violence in anti-narcotic operations towards persons in situation of vulnerability, especially in South-East Asia and Latin America. Widespread executions have been committed by law enforcement officials, paramilitary and military charged with law enforcement missions.

We acknowledge the progress made by the Council and the Special Procedures in making clear the relationship between anti-drug policies and violations of human rights. However, this issue needs to be further addressed by a specific thematic study, in particularly analyzing the multiple aspects concerning the right to life.

We encourage the SR to contribute to this important process to achieve UN System Common Position on drug-related matters bringing to the table her technical expertise to prevent further violations of human rights in the context of international drug control.

Thank you.