



VIENNA CHAPTER

STATEMENT OF THE G77 AND CHINA DELIVERED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ALI ASGHAR SOLTANIEH, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE IR OF IRAN, DURING THE 54TH RECONVENED SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 12-13 DECEMBER 2011

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Madam Chair,

On behalf of the Group of 77 and China, I would like to express our appreciation to the outgoing chair of CND Ambassador Veronika Kuchynova Smigolova from Czech Republic and the members of the Extended Bureau. Under her excellent leadership, the Commission adopted a number of important decisions at the fifty-fourth session of CND. She created the atmosphere where it was possible to discuss important issues in a cordial atmosphere, which helped in reaching compromises smoothly.

The fifty-fourth session of CND was important due to the fact that the concept of roundtables was initiated at the Commission. The G-77 and China considers it appropriate to express its satisfaction on the work of the roundtables.

The Group also wishes to acknowledge the contribution of the Secretariat, particularly of Mr. Andres Finguerut, the Secretary of the Commission, in preparing the documents and assisting the Commission. The Group wishes him success in his new responsibility and welcomes Ms. Jo DedyneAman as the new Secretary of the Commission.

We look forward towards continuing the same tradition of close cooperation with the new chair of CND and the members of the Bureau.

I thank you Madam Chair.