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## American Model United Nations General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The situation in Afghanistan

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent)

The General Assembly Plenary (Concurrent),

Fully aware that the problem in Afghanistan is a multifaceted issue,

Desiring to address the issue of drug trafficking exclusively in order to limit the Taliban's source of funding as obtained from opiate trade,

Reaffirming United Nations ECOSOC Resolution 2006/32 which states that "securing the sustainable elimination of drug crop cultivation and drug trafficking in Afghanistan will take time and that it is a common and shared responsibility to be addressed through international efforts,

Recognizing how Afghan farmers are dependent upon the production and sale of opium for their livelihood,

Recalling the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) World Drug Report 2007 which indicates that any and all levels of drug trafficking will provide sufficient monetary means for terrorist organizations like the Taliban to fund and carry out terrorist activities,

- Respecting the sovereignty of Afghanistan,
- 12 Recognizing the untapped potential in natural resource mining, estimated at \$3.1 trillion,
- 13 1. Strongly recommends the creation of a platform for cooperation on regional illicit opium trafficking security that under the oversight of the UNODC that:
- 15 (a) Includes the governments of China, Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, 16 Tajikistan, United States, and Russia that;
  - (i) Meets biannually to discuss progress and measures for improvement;
  - (b) Appropriates the allocation of funds provided through the United Nations, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and other aid provided by International Governmental Organizations (IGO's) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's);
    - 2. Encourages this platform to facilitate:
- (a) An increase in the illicit trade secutrity of opium and precursor chemicals for heroin production, including acetic anhydride by better regulating shipments;
  - (b) An increase in transparency measures;
  - (c) An increase in intelligence sharing with poppy and heroin production;
- 26 (d) Encourages neighboring states to better monitor their borders with Afghanistan in order to 27 reduce the quantity of opium being smuggled out of;
  - (i) The "Northern Route" up through Central Asia;
  - (ii) The "Balkan Route" through Iran and Turkey into Europe;
- 30 (e) Requests that both North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces and Afghan Security
  31 Forces refrain from focusing any anti-drug efforts against farmers and rather focus their raids on the heroin manu32 facturing labs;
  - 3. Invites the Afghan government to implement educational and rehabilitation programs that:

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- 34 (a) Implement rehabilitation facilities that encourage both men and women to seek treatment for 35 opiate addiction, which would be overseen by and would see its funding facilitated through United Nations Assistance 36 Mission in Afghanistan;
- 37 (b) Introduce educational programs, sponsored by the NGO Alcohol and Drug Safety Centre, for 38 children in collaboration with the Afghan government, with respect to the dangers of drug addiction;
- (c) Communicate with the mosques and head religious figures around the country to consider implementing projects to educate the youth on the harmful effects of opium and the denouncement of opium as a product in the Qu'ran and Islamic faith;
- (d) Provide resources promoting alternative livelihoods including methods in production of other crops, as well as the growth of Afghanistan's manufacturing and industrial sector through;
  - (i) A plan to promote the short-term transition of production crops from opium to wheat;
  - (ii) A plan to develop the long-term infrastructure to convert farming to natural resource mining and the working in the industrial sector;
  - (iii) Subsidies for growing alternative crops and creating infrastructure for mining initiatives will be given, provided by the World Bank.

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