



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA TO THE UN

**STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF CUBA.
FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION STATISTICAL COMMISSION.**

Document item 3 i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on a road map to improve drug statistics (E /CN.3/2017/12)

Dear Mr. or Mrs. Chairman,

Cuba appreciates the work done by Mexico in conjunction with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in developing proposals for measures to improve the availability and quality of drug statistics at national, regional and international levels.

Cuba would like to express, however, that we are facing a whole technical forum. We must be aware that the issue of drugs in the United Nations is a political issue, which has currently been discussed with elements in which no consensus has been reached. Consequently, we think that the most prudent thing to do is to refrain from making any statement on concrete actions such as those included in the project submitted and in the road map.

Any decision by our commission, in case a decision should be made, should be limited to strictly endorsing what was agreed in UNGASS, without going beyond the delicate consensus reached there. We must remember that in such document no mandate is given to us in that regard.

Any issue related to the serious scourge of drugs should be discussed at the forum of its Vienna-based Commission, so we should not prejudge its work.

All this arguments must be reflected in the report of the session under this Agenda item and taken into consideration in all decision in this regard.

Thank you very much

