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**Intervention by the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico  
(INEGI)**

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### Item for information: E/CN.3/2018/35

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#### Background note

In relation to document E/CN.3/2018/35 “Policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission”, and in particular to its Section II. International cooperation to address and counter the world drug problem, it is worthwhile to bring to the fore that in Resolution 72/198 adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2017 (after information documents for the Statistical Commission were already released) the GA agreed on elements that further complement the commended actions aimed to enhance drug statistics in Resolution 71/2011.

In particular, paragraphs 80-82 of Resolution 72/198:

- Request the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) -in close cooperation with Member States, pertinent United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations, etc.- to continue supporting Member States in strengthening their capacity to collect and analyse drug statistics;
- Invites UNODC to reflect on possibilities for strengthening and streamlining its existing data-collection and analysis tools (such as the annual report questionnaire) and to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) for consideration on possible ways to enhance these;
- Welcomes the Statistical Commission (UNSC) decision 48/110 of March 2017 related to drug statistics and further encourages the collaboration between the UNSC and the CND to exchange information on the latest data trends on the world drug problem, and support Member States in improving their capacity to produce drug statistics as well as respond effectively to data collection request from the UNODC.