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### Commission on Narcotic Drugs

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Agenda item 5 (a)

#### **Drug demand reduction: Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction**

**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:\* draft resolution**

### **Approval of the revised part II of the annual reports questionnaire**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Reaffirming* the importance of the annual reports questionnaire as a mechanism for monitoring the phenomenon of global drug abuse and to assist with the review of the progress made in meeting the challenges set out in the Political Declaration<sup>1</sup> adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/3 of 20 July 1994, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, to review all annual reports questionnaires and to integrate them, using modern techniques and making changes in format to achieve optimum acceptability and to facilitate their use,

*Recalling* its resolution 43/1, in which it decided to abolish sections 2 and 3 of part II of the annual reports questionnaire and requested the Executive Director to revise section I of part II of the questionnaire, taking guidance from the consensus reached by technical experts at a meeting held in Lisbon in January 2000,

*Also recalling* that, in its resolution 43/1, it requested the Executive Director to use information technology, as part of the revision process, to assist countries with more efficient submission of the annual reports questionnaire on drug abuse,

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\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union.

<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.

*Noting* that the submission of annual reports questionnaire data is dependent on the capacity of States to collect and collate information on drug abuse,

*Welcoming* the progress made by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in supporting the building of Member States' capacity to collect reliable information on drug abuse and in moving forward with other interested parties on the agreement of standardized global indicators of drug abuse,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Executive Director has revised part II of the annual reports questionnaire to provide a sound basis for data collection and that the revision drew on a consensus of expert opinion and standards of good practice,

*Also noting with satisfaction* that the revised part II of the annual reports questionnaire is appropriate for use in countries with differing capacities to collect information on drug abuse,

*Recognizing* that the revision of part II of the annual reports questionnaire has some minor implications for the format of parts I and III of that questionnaire,

1. *Decides* to replace the existing part II of the annual reports questionnaire with the revised part II of the questionnaire,<sup>2</sup> entitled "Extent, patterns and trends of drug abuse";

2. *Also decides* that the revised part II of the annual reports questionnaire will be used for the reporting on drug abuse in the year 2001;

3. *Calls upon* the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to make the necessary changes to ensure that parts I and III of the annual reports questionnaire benefit from the improvements to the design and format of the revised part II of the questionnaire and from improvements with respect to information technology;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that, where appropriate and possible, Member States are provided with support and training in accurately completing and submitting the revised part II of the annual reports questionnaire and to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-fifth session on measures required to improve both the submission rate and the data quality of the questionnaire;

5. *Encourages* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue to ensure that its data collection systems are consistent with the work of regional organizations and other international bodies;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue his discussions with Member States, international partners and other appropriate organizations on further harmonizing and improving indicators of drug abuse;

7. *Calls upon* Member States to review the mechanism by which the data for part II of the annual reports questionnaire are currently being collated and submitted and to consider designating a technical focal point for assisting in the collation of the data.

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<sup>2</sup> E/CN.7/2001/3, annex.