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Implementation of the international drug control treaties: other matters arising from the international drug control treaties

Canada, France, Slovakia, Spain and Switzerland: draft resolution

Improving the exchange of electronic information among Member States and communication with international organizations

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Bearing in mind that, pursuant to the international drug control treaties, the States parties to those treaties are obliged to share with other States, the Secretary-General and the International Narcotics Control Board, on a regular basis, large amounts of data and other information on narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals,

Bearing in mind also the Political Declaration,¹ the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction² and the measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem,³ adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together, whereby States were requested to use modern technology to improve procedures for and the timeliness of the collection and dissemination of information in order to achieve the highest level of accuracy of the results obtained,

Noting the progress made by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, through the amendment of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of the Customs Cooperation Council, also known as the World Customs Organization, in establishing a unique system for the identification of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals under international control,

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

² General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.

³ General Assembly resolution S-20/4 A-E.



Recalling its resolution 45/11, in which it requested the Secretariat to explore the possibility of obtaining secure funds to sustain the normative functions of the national database system relating to the maintenance and communication of information and data exchange standards,

Noting with satisfaction the increase in the number of Member States using the National Drug Control System,

Also noting with satisfaction that the representatives of Member States attending the fifth meeting of the group of users of the National Drug Control System, held in Ottawa in March 2003, expressed their support for the continuation of the System,

1. *Commends* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme for broadening the mandate and scope of the National Drug Control System to cover the collection, exchange and processing of all data relevant to national and international drug control;

2. *Also commends* the efforts of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in providing support for Member States in using the National Drug Control System, which has made the processing of data on national and international drug control more feasible;

3. *Appreciates* the efforts of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in ensuring technical support to the Member States currently using the system, as part of its activities funded from the regular budget of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to provide data to Member States by electronic means, using the standards set by the National Drug Control System on estimates and assessments and the addresses of competent authorities;

5. *Also requests* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to explore the possibility of obtaining secure funds from either voluntary sources or the regular budget of the United Nations, in order to deploy the National Drug Control System in more countries and to enhance the System;

6. *Urges* Member States, independently or collectively, to expand the use of the National Drug Control System where both the need for such a system is present and the necessary technical infrastructure and support are sustainable.