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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Administrative and financial arrangements regarding the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly

1. Decides to establish, as from 1 January 1992, under the direct responsibility of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as a fund for financing operational activities mainly in developing countries and to transfer to it the financial resources of the former United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;
2. Authorizes the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control issues, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/38 of 21 June 1991 and General Assembly resolution 46/104 of 16 December 1991 to approve, on the basis of the Executive Director's proposals, both the budget of the Fund's programme and the administrative and programme support costs budget, other than expenditures borne by United Nations regular budget, and requests the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council on the ways in which it plans to carry out the administrative and financial functions;
3. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its comments and recommendations on the administrative and programme support costs budget of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

4. Invites the Secretary-General to consider ways to streamline the proposed structure for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, taking into account, inter alia, the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the views expressed in the Fifth Committee, including the need to promote regional cooperation under the coordination of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in consultation with the regional commissions and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. Decides to consider the arrangements relating to personnel for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme funded by the United Nations regular budget at a later stage during the current session of the General Assembly, and meanwhile requests the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to expedite the recruitment of such personnel;

6. Notes that the paramount consideration in the employment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and that due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible;

7. Notes the intention of the Secretary-General to promulgate financial rules for the Fund, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, it being understood that the references in the said financial rules to the role and functions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall be consistent with the role of the Commission given in paragraph 2 above;

8. Decides that, notwithstanding regulations 11.1 and 11.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the Programme shall maintain the accounts of the Fund of the Programme and shall be responsible for presenting the said accounts and related financial statements, not later than 31 March following the end of the financial period, to the Board of Auditors and for submitting financial reports to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and to the General Assembly.
