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**Reduction of illicit demand for drugs**

### **Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following resolution:

#### **Promotion of the design of national and regional prevention programmes through interdisciplinary teams**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,<sup>1</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,<sup>2</sup> and in particular the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,<sup>3</sup>

*Stressing* the need for interdisciplinary teams to promote national and regional prevention programmes, taking into account the specificities and distinguishing features of each region and country, with the aim of promoting health and freedom and raising awareness, through positive messages, of the threat posed by drug abuse to the achievement of that aim,

*Noting* the need for harmonization of efforts in this field to ensure the effectiveness of international cooperation and solidarity,

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 25 November-20 December 1988*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.XI.5).

<sup>2</sup> Resolution S-20/3, annex.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution 54/132, annex.

*Having considered the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999,*<sup>1</sup> which points to the need to continue work on the design of policies to reduce the demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

1. *Urges* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to promote the design, through interdisciplinary teams, of national and regional prevention programmes, taking into account the specificities and distinguishing features of each region and country, with the aim of promoting health and freedom and raising awareness, through positive messages, of the threats posed by drug abuse to the achievement of that aim;

2. *Urges* Member States to promote the establishment of interdisciplinary teams to pursue, in the context of demand reduction the objectives set out in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Calls for* the promotion of information and education programmes which, through the dissemination of sound, precise and balanced data, as contained in the *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1993*<sup>2</sup> and in subsequent reports, will raise awareness of the risks of drug abuse, taking into account differences in gender, culture and education among the target groups, with special attention being paid to children and young people;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments for consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.1.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.XI.2.