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Enhancing regional cooperation through a regional database on drug-related crimes

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Concerned about the threat posed by the increasing illicit cultivation of and trafficking in narcotic drugs in south-west Asia,

Convinced that effective cooperation to counteract this threat is desirable and necessary,

Taking note with approval of the report of the first International Conference of Drug Liaison Officers held in Teheran from 17 to 18 January 2000,

Bearing in mind that the report of the Conference contained recommendations calling upon States to promote international cooperation through, inter alia, the exchange of information and experiences gained in combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, which was one of the most important aspects of such cooperation,

- 1. *Invites* the States concerned to continue to hold meetings of drug liaison officers in south-west Asia on a regular basis;
- 2. Calls upon the States concerned to cooperate in establishing a point of contact, with clearly defined functions, to ensure the timely transmission of operational intelligence by drug liaison officers;
- 3. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to take steps to ensure the provision of assistance, within available resources, for the establishment in Teheran of a regional database on drug-related crimes, taking into account national regulations and, as far as possible, enhancing existing information systems and avoiding duplication, as a mechanism to improve and facilitate the exchange of information, as called for in the report of the first International Conference of Drug Liaison Officers.