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Enhancing multilateral cooperation in combating illicit traffic by sea

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Concerned by the increasing prevalence of illicit traffic by sea in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors,

Reaffirming that full respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity and the international law of the sea should govern cooperation in the fight against illicit drug traffic by sea,

Reaffirming also the obligation of all States parties to the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,¹ under article 17 thereof, to cooperate to the fullest extent possible to suppress illicit traffic by sea,

Recalling the means to promote judicial cooperation to counter illicit traffic by sea adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together, in resolution S-20/4 C of 10 June 1998,

Recognizing the importance of bilateral and regional cooperation in suppressing illicit traffic by sea, in accordance with article 17, paragraph 9, of the 1988 Convention,

¹ *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).

Noting that the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in cooperation with interested Governments, convened an informal open-ended working group on maritime cooperation against illicit trafficking by sea in Vienna from 5 to 8 December 2000, in order to discuss practical ways and means to improve international cooperation in maritime drug law enforcement,

Noting also the work of the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, the International Maritime Organization and other competent bodies in maritime drug law enforcement,

Noting further that the report of the informal open-ended working group on maritime cooperation against illicit trafficking by sea² described the new challenges presented to national law enforcement authorities, and included a series of actions to be considered by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

1. *Takes note of* the report of the informal open-ended working group on maritime cooperation against illicit trafficking by sea,² convened in Vienna from 5 to 8 December 2000;

2. *Requests* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, within available voluntary contributions, to provide technical assistance and training on maritime cooperation against illicit drug trafficking by sea to interested States. This technical assistance may include, but is not limited to:

(a) The development of a user-friendly reference training guide to assist parties making requests and competent authorities who have the responsibility to receive and respond to requests under article 17 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,¹ bearing in mind the need to avoid undue effects on licit trade;

(b) The development of a model reference format to facilitate the exchange of information required for appropriate actions under article 17 of the 1988 Convention;

(c) The gathering of information on bilateral or regional agreements that may be used for reference purposes by interested States;

3. *Urges* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to cooperate with States Parties to the 1988 Convention and encourages those States to contribute their maritime experiences to the formulation of technical assistance and training;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-sixth session on progress in the development of technical assistance and training.

² UNDCP/2000/MAR.3.