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**Drug demand reduction: world situation with regard to
drug abuse, in particular among children and youth**

Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Estonia, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain*, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine and Uruguay: revised draft resolution

Prevention of the recreational and leisure use of drugs among young people

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Taking into account the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,¹ held in New York from 8 to 10 June 1998,

Also taking into account the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,² adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/132 of 17 December 1999,

Further taking into account its resolution 43/2, on the follow-up to the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, and its resolution 43/4, concerning international cooperation for the prevention of drug abuse among children,

Aware of the need for Governments and civil society to strengthen policies and mechanisms aimed at preventing illicit drug consumption among young people,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union.

¹ General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.

² General Assembly resolution 54/132, annex.

Concerned about the new trends in drug use among young people who abuse illicit, and misuse licit, psychoactive substances for recreational purposes and during their leisure time, including weekends,

Aware of the need to prevent the recreational use of illicit drugs among young people by offering new and healthy alternatives appropriate for use and enjoyment during leisure time,

Recognizing the need for collaboration among Governments, international and regional organizations and all sectors of civil society in order to deal with the problem of recreational use of drugs among young people,

1. *Requests* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to provide to States, upon request, guidance and assistance, from within existing resources, in developing, in accordance with the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,¹ strategies and programmes for reducing illicit drug demand, especially among young people in recreational areas;

2. *Encourages* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to gather, in accordance with the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,² detailed, evaluated information on successful experiences in prevention programmes in countries throughout the world and to disseminate that information to, and promote its exchange among, States and practitioners;

3. *Also encourages* States to promote, in coordination with local Governments and civil society, proposals aimed at developing healthy recreational activities, and to assess, where appropriate, the impact of such proposals;

4. *Invites* States to develop appropriate means of communicating and distributing information in the context of prevention programmes aimed at young people and designed to encourage effective alternatives to drug use and to promote healthy ways of life conducive to the enjoyment of free time without the use of drugs;

5. *Encourages* States to adapt and make compatible their research on drug addiction and their treatment networks and health, education and social services, taking into account new patterns in the illicit consumption of drugs, including the training of the professionals involved;

6. *Also encourages* States to develop information systems and prevention programmes aimed at raising public awareness of the risks associated with the new trends in illicit drug use among young people, in particular in recreational areas;

7. *Further encourages* States and civil society to promote the participation of young people, as the agents of change, in the design, development, implementation and evaluation of prevention strategies and activities targeting illicit drug use among young people;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to submit to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.