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Illicit drug traffic and supply

United States of America: draft resolution

Enhancing multilateral cooperation in combating illicit traffic by sea

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

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

Reaffirming that full respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity and the principles of international law should govern international cooperation in the fight against illicit 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 maritime counternarcotics activities, in accordance with article 17, paragraph 9, of the 1988 Convention,

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

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).

from 5 to 8 December 2000, in order to discuss practical ways and means to improve international cooperation 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. *Welcomes* 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 to ensure the continued functioning of the informal open-ended working group on maritime cooperation against illicit trafficking by sea;

3. *Requests* the informal open-ended working group to continue development of:

(a) Solutions to the issues raised in the annex to the report of the informal open-ended working group, including a recommendation that the Commission convene a working group of maritime experts, if necessary;

(b) A user-friendly reference handbook 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

(c) A model reference format to facilitate the exchange of information required for authorizations to board, search and take appropriate action under article 17 of the 1988 Convention and in accordance with domestic law and procedures of the flag States;

(d) Model bilateral or regional agreements to be used for reference purposes by interested States;

4. *Encourages* States parties to the 1988 Convention to participate in the informal open-ended working group on maritime cooperation against illicit trafficking by sea.

² UNDCP/2000/MAR.3.