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Strengthening the United Nations machinery for drug control

Egypt* and Mexico: draft resolution

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

Strengthening the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body

The Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating that action against the world drug problem is a common and shared responsibility requiring an integrated and balanced approach,

Recalling that the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together, conferred additional mandates on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and strengthened both its role as the global forum for international cooperation in combating the world drug problem and its functions as the governing body of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and as a treaty organ,

Aware of the need to promote a mechanism of regular dialogue between Member States and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the planning and execution of drug control programmes, taking into account the priorities of Member States, in order to secure their feasibility and success,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 of 28 July 1999, in which the Council recommends that a sufficient share of the regular budget of the United Nations be allocated to the Programme to enable it to fulfil its mandates,

Noting with concern that the current arrangement relating to contributions is impairing the ability of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to exercise flexibility in planning and undertaking its programmes in a manner that enables it to meet its objectives,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/185 C of 20 December 1991, in which the General Assembly established the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and expanded the mandate of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to enable it to function as the governing body of the Programme,

Recalling also that the Council, in its resolution 1999/30, recommended measures designed to strengthen the United Nations machinery for international drug control,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to hold a sufficient number of inter-sessional meetings to examine all the components of the normative and operational segments of its programme of work at the preparatory stage and to enhance its capacity to provide policy guidance to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme at its regular session;

2. *Also requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to convene meetings at regular intervals of donor and recipient countries to examine the planning, formulation and execution of projects;

3. *Further requests* the Commission, in close cooperation with the Executive Director and donor and recipient countries, to identify thematic areas and geographical regions that require the special attention of the Programme to ensure the implementation, on the basis of an integrated and balanced approach, of the mandates established by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to present all reports and background information to the States members of the Commission early enough to enable them to prepare to take an active part in, and make a valuable contribution to, the deliberations of the Commission;

5. *Recommends* that the Commission use the resources of the extended bureau to advance its organizational work to enable it to devote more time to the substantive discussion of the normative and operational segments of its programme of work at the inter-sessional meetings;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to explore innovative means of increasing the financial resources available for drug control programmes, including the widening of the donor base;

7. *Also requests* all donor countries to increase their contributions to the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in particular to the general-purpose fund, thereby promoting flexibility and rationality in the use of the funds of the Programme;

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