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Drug demand reduction**Brazil and Ukraine: revised draft resolution****Efforts to reduce the impact of illicit drug demand on organized crime***The Commission on Narcotics Drugs,*

Recalling the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,¹ adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, and the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,²

Recalling also that the fight against the world drug problem is a common and shared responsibility that must be evaluated in a multilateral framework, requiring a comprehensive and balanced approach, which includes a demand reduction aspect and which must be implemented in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law,

Concerned about the increase in illicit drug abuse, especially among children, young people and groups at risk, through the large variety of psychoactive substances, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances that have become available throughout the world and the emergence of new synthetic drugs manufactured from ingredients that are not yet subject to international control and are easily substituted,

Recognizing the transnational nature of the drug problem and its links with all aspects of organized crime,

Aware that illicit drug trafficking entails the circulation of considerable resources capable of attracting individuals and groups and corrupting segments of organized societies and State entities,

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

² General Assembly resolution 54/132, annex.



Drawing the attention of States to the fact that illicit drug demand and drug trafficking constitute an important source of the financial resources of criminal organizations,

1. *Recommends* that States intensify their efforts, including initiatives and activities aimed at reducing illicit drug demand, and to increase the number of programmes and the resources for such programmes, without prejudicing current activities and strategies aimed at prohibiting and reducing illicit drug supply and, in general, combating the diverse manifestations of the world drug problem;

2. *Recommends* that Member States and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme promote, in accordance with the principle of shared responsibility and with a view to reducing illicit drug demand, cooperation among Governments at all levels, taking into account the opinions of non-governmental organizations, civil society, community associations and families;

3. *Recommends* that the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, subject to the availability of voluntary resources and at the request of and in close cooperation with Governments, coordinate educational and public awareness activities with a view to making the public aware of the risks of drug abuse, in particular the link between the demand for illicit drugs and the financing of organized crime.
