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Policy directives to the United Nations**International Drug Control Programme****United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution****Strengthening the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body***The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,**Reiterating* that action against the world drug problem is a shared responsibility that requires an integrated and balanced approach,*Recalling* its resolution 44/16, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body",1. *Welcomes* the reports of the Executive Director on the progress made in the implementation of resolution 44/16;¹2. *Welcomes* the commitment of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to a process of reform, based on resolution 44/16 and the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Board of Auditors;3. *Welcomes in particular* the strengthened dialogue between Member States and the Secretariat on the priorities and management of the Programme and the creation within it of the Programme and Project Committee and the Planning and Evaluation Unit;

* E/CN.7/2002/1.

¹ E/CN.7/2001/15 and E/CN.7/2002/9.

4. *Invites* the new Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue the implementation of the recommendations contained in the above-mentioned reports and to develop existing reforms;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to facilitate dialogue between Member States and the Secretariat through thorough and timely preparation of the operational segment of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and of regular intersessional meetings of the Commission;

6. *Welcomes* the convening of informal joint meetings, at regular intervals, of donor and recipient countries on the planning and formulation of the operational activities of the Programme, including projects, taking into account the priorities of all Member States concerned, and requests the continuation of such meetings;

7. *Encourages* the efforts of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to take appropriate measures, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/20 of 28 July 2000 and other relevant resolutions and policies, within existing resources, to ensure and report on the implementation of independent, open and impartial evaluations of the operational activities of the Programme, including, inter alia, through the participation of recipients and external experts;

8. *Encourages* the Executive Director to keep under review the organizational and personnel structures of the Programme in order to respond to possible future changes in its overall goals and policies and to seek to improve the effectiveness of the Programme, including through further appropriate cooperation and coordination with the Centre for International Crime Prevention;

9. *Welcomes* the implementation to date, within existing resources, of the planned system of financial management to allow the Programme and Member States to assess the cost, impact and effectiveness of the operational activities of the Programme in an open manner and to contribute to the implementation of result-based budgeting, and looks forward to continued development of the system;

10. *Calls* for continued improvement also in personnel management, especially in the areas of transparency and compliance with the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, so as to enhance the morale and efficient performance of staff;

11. *Reaffirms* the importance of continued improvement in management and a strengthened dialogue with Member States so as to contribute to enhanced and sustainable programme delivery;

12. *Also reaffirms* its decision to use a sufficient number of meetings during the intersessional period 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 sessions;

13. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue 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, including at intersessional meetings;

14. *Decides* to continue to use the resources of the 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 intersessional meetings;

15. *Encourages* Member States to submit draft resolutions only when similar resolutions from former years need specific amendments or operational follow-up or when they reflect important developments, in order to enhance the effectiveness of the work of the Commission;

16. *Urges* all Governments to provide, to the fullest extent possible, financial support to the Programme, welcomes the increased number of cost-sharing arrangements, and requests the Executive Director to continue efforts, in cooperation with Member States, to broaden the donor base and to increase voluntary contributions to the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, including the general-purpose fund;

17. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit to it at its forty-sixth session, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.
