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Enhancing international cooperation in combating drug trafficking by sea

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Concerned about the continued increase in trafficking by sea in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Reaffirming that full respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and for the international law of the sea should govern cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking 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 drug trafficking by sea, in full conformity with the international law of the sea,

Recalling the measures to promote judicial cooperation in combating drug trafficking by sea adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together, in its resolution S-20/4 C of 10 June 1998,

Recognizing the importance of bilateral and regional cooperation in combating drug trafficking by sea, in accordance with article 17, paragraph 9, of the 1988 Convention,

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).



Recalling that, in its resolution 44/6, it requested the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to provide to interested States technical assistance and training in cooperation against drug trafficking by sea, including technical assistance in the development of a user-friendly reference training guide to assist parties to the 1988 Convention in making requests pursuant to article 17 of the 1988 Convention and to assist competent authorities who had the responsibility to receive and respond to such requests and technical assistance in the development of a model reference format to facilitate the exchange of information required for appropriate action pursuant to article 17 of the 1988 Convention,

1. *Notes* the progress made by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in developing a practical guide for competent national authorities responsible for receiving and responding to requests made pursuant to article 17 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,¹ to serve as a user-friendly reference handbook to assist parties to the 1988 Convention in making such requests;

2. *Invites* Member States to evaluate the usefulness of the practical guide as an instrument to enhance international cooperation for more effective suppression of drug trafficking by sea;

3. *Encourages* Member States to establish at the national level appropriate, reliable and consistent channels for the exchange of information required for expeditious responses to requests made pursuant to article 17 of the 1988 Convention and in accordance with national law;

4. *Encourages* each Member State to consider providing to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme information to enable the preparation, distribution and maintenance of a detailed directory of a national contact or contacts who will complement and not supplant the role of the competent national authority and who have access to the detection, monitoring, interdiction and prosecution authorities of that State and can facilitate operational and legal cooperation with the competent national authority in maritime operations;

5. *Urges* Member States with particular expertise in maritime interdiction to provide, within available resources and in cooperation with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, assistance, training and equipment to interested States, upon request.