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Drug demand reduction

Illicit drug traffic and supply

Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela: draft resolution

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

Establishment of centres for technical and administrative training in precursor control, countering money-laundering and drug abuse prevention

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious that offences connected with drug trafficking depend on the availability of chemical precursors, without which the illicit processing of drugs of natural and synthetic origin would not have become a problem for humankind,

Concerned at the escalation of the problem of illicit supply, diversion and substitution of precursors and at the use of sophisticated technologies for illicitly processing natural and designer drugs, thereby flouting the law and fostering impunity,

Concerned at the increase in the laundering of money derived from drug trafficking, which is detrimental to national economies and fosters corruption and impunity,

Noting that the supply of illicit drugs is harmful to public health and that the demand for such drugs stems primarily from children and young persons,

Recognizing that education and training are basic prerequisites for the efficient performance of the various tasks that institutions and their officials must carry out in order to deal with the world drug problem and drug-related offences,



Urges international organizations to provide financing and other support for the establishment of centres specialized in training experts in various subjects related to the fight against the world drug problem, with particular emphasis on preventive measures and areas such as precursor control, countering money-laundering and drug abuse prevention.
