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INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Germany, Federal Republic of, Honduras, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Use of children in the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and rehabilitation of drug-addicted minors

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/127 of 4 December 1986, 42/113 of 7 December 1987 and other relevant resolutions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and of the Economic and Social Council adopted to advance the international campaign against abuse of and illicit traffic in drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recalling the provisions of the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 1/ and the guidelines contained in the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 2/

1/ Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. B.

2/ Ibid., chap. I, sect. A.

Alarmed by the fact that drug dealers' organizations are making use of children in their illicit production of and trafficking in drugs, and by the increase in the number of drug-addicted children,

Conscious of the physical and psychological damage inflicted on children by the illicit use of narcotic drugs and of its serious effects both on their potential for development and on their relationships with their families and society,

Having in mind the provisions of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, 3/

Reaffirming the provisions of resolution 42/101 of 7 December 1987 concerning the question of a convention on the rights of the child, which affirm that children's rights require special protection and call for continuous improvement of the situation of children all over the world, as well as their development and education,

1. Strongly condemns drug trafficking in all its forms, particularly those criminal activities which involve children in the use, production and illicit sale of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

2. Urges all States to join together to promote the establishment of national and international programmes to protect children from the illicit consumption of drugs and psychotropic substances and from involvement in illicit production and trafficking;

3. Invites the Governments of those Member States which are most affected by drug use among their child population to adopt urgent additional measures, as part of their national strategies, to prevent, reduce and eliminate drug use by children, with the aim of ensuring for children a social and family environment which will preserve their health, physical fitness and well-being;

4. Calls upon all States to promote the adoption, by their competent legislative authorities, of measures providing for suitably severe punishment of drug-trafficking crimes which involve children;

5. Urges all Governments, international organizations concerned and non-governmental organizations to give high priority, in their campaigns to prevent drug addiction among children and to rehabilitate children so addicted, to the dissemination of necessary information and the provision of appropriate advice for all sectors of their communities with regard to the serious effects of the illicit use of drugs among children, as well as to the promotion of appropriate community action;

6. Calls upon the competent international agencies and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to assign high priority to financial support for prevention campaigns and programmes to rehabilitate drug-addicted minors conducted by government bodies dealing with such matters, and further calls upon all competent international and national agencies to provide all possible support to the non-governmental organizations engaged in such activities;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to direct the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to include in its publications, as a matter of priority, information designed to prevent the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances among children.
