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INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Senegal, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia;
draft resolution

Preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic
in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/168 of 20 December 1978, 35/195 of 15 December 1980, 36/132 of 14 December 1981, 36/168 of 16 December 1981, 37/168 of 17 December 1982, 37/198 of 18 December 1982, 38/93 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983, 39/141 and 39/143 of 14 December 1984, 40/120, 40/121 and 40/122 of 13 December 1985, 41/125, 41/126 and 41/127 of 4 December 1986, 42/111, 42/112 and 42/113 of 7 December 1987, and other relevant provisions,

Emphasizing the importance of the contribution - that will be made by the convention in supplementing the existing international instruments on the subject, namely the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1954, as amended by the 1972

Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, 1/ and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, 2/

Underlining the importance of the appeal made by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 3/ in which it called for the urgent and careful finalization of the preparation of the draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, which today becomes more urgent due to the continuous aggravation of the problem,

Taking note with appreciation of the progress made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its tenth special session in the preparation of the draft convention,

Underlining the importance of the valuable contributions of the Secretary-General, the useful observations of the Member States and the work of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group, which met twice during 1987 and once during 1988, and prepared the revised working papers; and the conclusions of the Review Group convened in Vienna from 28 June to 8 July 1988, 4/

Taking into consideration that the Economic and Social Council in 1988/8 and in its decision 1988/120 of 25 May 1988 5/ decided to convene, in Vienna from 25 November to 20 December 1988, the Plenipotentiary Conference for the adoption of a convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the preparation of the draft convention, 6/

1. Welcomes with appreciation Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/8 by which it decided to convene in mid-June 1988, in Vienna, the Review Group, with the mandate of continuing the preparation of the draft convention and preparing the organizational aspects of the Plenipotentiary Conference;

1/ United Nations Treaty Series, vol. 976, No. 14152.

2/ Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

3/ 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. 8, para. 3.

4/ E/CONF.82/3.

5/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 1 (E/1988/88).

6/ A/43/678.

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General, and the report of the tenth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 7/ and the recommendations therein, approved by the Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/8 and decisions 1988/118 and 1988/120 of 25 May 1988, 1988/159 of 26 July 1988, by which it decided, inter alia, to convene the Plenipotentiary Conference to adopt the convention and to extend to 10 working days the thirty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in order to allow it to consider suitable measures to be taken prior to the entry into force of the convention;

3. Requests the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drugs control, to identify suitable measures to be taken prior to the entry into force of the convention;

4. Urges all States to adopt a constructive approach with a view to resolving any outstanding differences over the text of the convention;

5. Requests all States that, while reaffirming their commitment to the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as an expression of the political will of nations to combat the drug problem, to assign the highest priority to the Plenipotentiary Conference by participating actively in it at the highest possible level for the adoption of the convention;

6. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and all related organs established by the Commission, for their effectiveness in responding to its request to prepare the draft convention;

7. Once again urges all States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of this resolution, particularly on the conclusions of the Plenipotentiary Conference for the adoption of the convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in relation to the relevant item of the agenda.
