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Afghanistan and Czech Republic: revised draft resolution

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommends to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly:

Providing support to the Government of Afghanistan in its efforts to eliminate illicit opium and foster stability and security in the region

The General Assembly,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration,¹ outlining the interrelated commitments, goals and targets to be achieved, among others, on development, peace and security and setting the required framework for international cooperation for achieving those goals,

Recognizing that the threat emanating from illicit opium poppy cultivation and production and trafficking in illicit opium is a serious challenge to the security and stability of Afghanistan, its neighbouring countries, the region and indeed to all Member States,

Reaffirming the commitments undertaken by Member States in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, in which Member States recognized that action against the world drug problem was a common and shared responsibility and expressed their conviction that it must be addressed in a multilateral setting,²

Recalling that the Security Council, on 17 June 2003, called on the international community to provide assistance to the Afghan Transitional

¹ General Assembly resolution 55/2.

² General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex, para. 2.



Administration in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and in line with the national drug control strategy,

Recalling also that, in section II of its resolution 58/141 of 22 December 2003, it reaffirmed the Joint Ministerial Statement and further measures to implement the action plans emanating from the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, adopted during the ministerial segment of the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,³ and recommended that adequate help be provided to Afghanistan in support of the commitment of the Transitional Administration of Afghanistan to eliminate illicit opium,

Stressing the importance and urgency of the implementation of the five action plans adopted by the international counter-narcotics conference on Afghanistan, held in Kabul on 8 and 9 February 2004, and the conclusions of the conference that the illicit drugs issue is a top priority of all those interested in securing the future of Afghanistan,

Recalling the appeal to the international community made by the International Narcotics Control Board on 12 February 2004 to fully support the Afghan authorities in addressing the drug control situation, in order to meet the requirements of the international drug treaties, including article 14 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961⁴ and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,⁵

1. *Welcomes* the bilateral and multilateral support being provided by the international community, through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other organizations;

2. *Encourages* Member States to strengthen regional cooperation in order to counter the threat to the international community posed by illicit opium poppy cultivation in Afghanistan and the illicit trade in Afghan opium;

3. *Calls upon* the international community to enhance financial and technical support to Afghanistan in order to enable the Government to implement successfully its national drug control strategy and thereby reduce the threat that illicit opium poppy cultivation and illicit opium trade have created to the peace, stability and socio-economic recovery of Afghanistan and to the security of the region and the world;

4. *Urges* all stakeholders to accelerate efforts to implement a combined strategy, comprising law enforcement, eradication, interdiction, demand reduction and awareness-building and including alternative livelihoods conceived in a broader context of development than currently understood, with a view to creating sustainable livelihoods, independent of illicit opium;

5. *Reaffirms* the need to strengthen measures to reduce the global demand for illicit drugs, in order to support and contribute to the sustainability of efforts to eliminate illicit opium in Afghanistan;

³ A/58/124, sect. II. A.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

6. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and encourages Member States, international organizations and financial institutions to make narcotics countermeasures part of their development assistance strategies so that sustainable alternative livelihoods are created in Afghanistan.
