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Sudan: draft resolution

Strengthening international cooperation in order to prevent the risk of the Internet being used to commit drug-related crime or to promote illicit drug use

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,¹

Taking into account that the fight against illicit drug trafficking can benefit from the use of innovative techniques to counter new forms of transnational crime,

Aware of the importance attached by the International Narcotics Control Board, for example, in its report for 1997,² efforts by Governments to counter the use of the Internet for the purpose of promoting the abuse of and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Noting that the negative effects of the Internet on the drug problem are increasing with the continued dependence of youth on that vital source of information and the growing tendency by criminal groups to use modern technologies in their activities, as well as in the promotion of their activities,

Aware that such transnational criminal activities cannot be effectively countered by individual national law enforcement agencies or by the use of resources available to individual Member States,

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

² *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1997* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.98.XI.1), paras. 23 and 38.



1. *Urges* Member States to strengthen international cooperation in the collection, analysis and exchange of information concerning Internet sites, their sponsors and their connections;
 2. *Calls upon* Member States, in conformity with their legal systems and to the extent possible, to take the necessary measures, such as electronic surveillance or other forms of surveillance used in undercover operations, to counter the use of the Internet to commit drug-related crime or to promote illicit drug use;
 3. *Encourages* the strengthening of cooperation among law enforcement agencies, both in field activities and in training activities, and the coordination of joint technical investigations to identify the sponsors of suspicious Internet sites;
 4. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within available resources, to provide Member States, upon request, with technical assistance and training in the use of new investigative techniques to combat the use of the Internet to commit drug-related crime or to promote illicit drug use.
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