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#### Illicit drug traffic and supply

**Argentina, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay,  
Peru and United States of America: revised draft resolution**

### **International cooperation in preventing the illegal distribution of internationally controlled licit substances via the Internet**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recognizing* that the illegal distribution of internationally controlled licit substances via the Internet is an escalating problem and that the unsupervised use of such substances purchased through the Internet by the general public, in particular underage persons, constitutes a serious risk to global health,

*Recalling* that, in its resolution 43/8, it encouraged Member States to consider measures of cooperation with a view to preventing the diversion of controlled pharmaceuticals and precursor chemicals through the Internet,

*Noting* that the International Narcotics Control Board, in its report for 2006,<sup>1</sup> highlighted, inter alia, the illegal distribution of internationally controlled licit substances via the Internet,

*Recognizing* that the procurement of internationally controlled licit substances via the Internet is illegal whenever it contravenes an international treaty or national law,

*Recalling* the action taken at the national and international levels to control the diversion of internationally controlled licit substances through the implementation of the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,<sup>2</sup> that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,<sup>3</sup> the Convention on Psychotropic

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.07.XI.11.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.



Substances of 1971<sup>4</sup> and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,<sup>5</sup>

*Taking note* of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society of the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Tunis on 16-18 November 2005,<sup>6</sup>

*Observing* that the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States, at its fortieth regular session, held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, in November 2006, adopted a guide entitled “Drugs in cyberspace: understanding and investigating diversion and distribution of controlled substances via the Internet”,

*Recognizing* that the above-mentioned guide outlines the scope of the issue, its elements and tools for Member States to respond to the issue, including the need for appropriate legislation,

1. *Acknowledges* the efforts made by international and regional organizations, as well as Member States, in adopting measures to combat the illegal distribution of internationally controlled licit drugs via the Internet;

2. *Invites* Member States to take into consideration the efforts of international and regional organizations, such as the guide entitled “Drugs in cyberspace: understanding and investigating diversion and distribution of controlled substances via the Internet”, when examining whether adequate measures exist to regulate, investigate and prosecute the illegal distribution of internationally controlled licit substances via the Internet;

3. *Encourages* Member States to notify the International Narcotics Control Board, in a regular and accurate manner, of seizures of licit or counterfeit drugs under international control that were ordered via the Internet and received by mail, in order to conduct a detailed analysis of trafficking trends;

4. *Encourages* the International Narcotics Control Board to continue its work with a view to raising awareness of and preventing the misuse of the Internet for the illegal supply, sale and distribution of internationally controlled licit substances;

5. *Invites* Member States with experience in investigating drug-related Internet-based crime to provide the necessary equipment, training and assistance to other Member States, upon request, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, where appropriate and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources;

6. *Decides* to continue to discuss this important issue at its fifty-first session;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Member States.

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., vol. 1582, No. 27627.

<sup>6</sup> See A/60/687.