

38/92. United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁹¹ which states that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,⁹²

Recalling further its resolution 36/151 of 16 December 1981, in which it noted with deep concern that acts of torture took place in various countries, recognized the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a purely humanitarian spirit and established the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,

Convinced that the struggle to eliminate torture includes the provision of assistance in a humanitarian spirit to the victims and their family members,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,⁹³

1. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to those Governments and individuals that have already contributed to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;

2. Calls upon all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Board of Trustees of the Fund for the work it has carried out;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the support given to the Board of Trustees;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to make use of all existing possibilities to assist the Board of Trustees of the Fund, *inter alia* through the preparation, production and dissemination of information materials, in its efforts to make the Fund and its humanitarian work better known and in its appeal for contributions.

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38/93. Measures to improve co-ordination and co-operation in the international struggle against illegal production of drugs, illicit drug traffic and drug abuse

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/168 of 16 December 1981, 37/168 of 17 December 1982 and 37/198 of 18 December 1982,

Recalling also that in paragraph 6 of its resolution 34/177 of 17 December 1979 it urged greater action by the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Development Programme, in developing and implementing, within their mandates, programmes aimed at the reduction of illicit production of and demand for drugs, and specifically requested those

agencies to make that activity a regular item on the agendas of their governing bodies.

Considering that the scourge of drug abuse continues to spread and has reached epidemic proportions, both in developed and in some developing countries,

Considering further that transit States, which have no control over the production of or demand for illicit drugs, are increasingly affected by the illicit drug traffic,

Recognizing that illegal production of drugs, illicit drug traffic and drug abuse are political, security, economic, social and medical problems, in both producing and consuming countries, which must be met with a comprehensive, effective and co-ordinated strategy on the national, regional and international levels.

Acknowledging that constraints of an economic and technical nature are obstacles to many developing countries in their fight against illegal drug cultivation and production, as well as illicit drug traffic and drug abuse.

Aware that the illegal production of drugs must be stopped and that integrated rural development programmes, including crop substitution, combined with control activities are effective measures to curb the production of illicit drugs.

Noting with appreciation the generous contributions made so far and recently pledged to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, which should continue, considering the great needs in this field,

Aware of the need to improve regional, interregional and international co-operation and co-ordination in order to intensify the struggle against illegal production of drugs, illicit drug traffic and drug abuse.

Mindful of the decision taken by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-third session to undertake at its twenty-fifth session, in 1985, an intergovernmental review of drug control on the basis of an in-depth evaluation study to be prepared by the Secretary-General,⁹⁴

1. Calls upon Member States that have not yet done so to ratify the international drug control treaties and, until such time, to endeavour to abide by the provisions thereof;

2. Invites Member States to make generous contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to enable the Fund further to improve and strengthen its activities to reduce the illicit supply of, traffic in and demand for narcotic drugs;

3. Calls upon donor countries to allocate an appropriate portion of their development aid resources to programmes aimed at the reduction of illegal production of drugs and to the development of programmes to control drug abuse and drug traffic in the developing countries;

4. Calls upon producing countries to identify suitable projects for possible presentation to the Fund, to the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and to international and regional financing institutions;

5. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other international organizations concerned with assistance to developing countries to initiate and continue, as a matter of priority, within their respective fields and within existing budgetary resources or through voluntarily contributed funds, activities to help developing countries to take the necessary steps to stop the illegal cultivation and

⁹¹ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁹² Resolution 3452 (XXX) annex.

⁹³ A/38/221.

⁹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/38/38)*, part one, para. 195.