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#### Implementation of the international drug control treaties

##### India: draft resolution

### Strengthening systems for the control of international trade in poppy seeds obtained from licitly grown opium poppy crops

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32 of 28 July 1999 on the international regulation and control of trade in opium poppy seeds,

*Recalling also* Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 51/15, pursuant to which the International Narcotics Control Board sent a questionnaire to Governments concerned with a view to collecting information on measures taken by Member States to implement Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32,

*Considering* article 22 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,<sup>1</sup> on the prohibition of the illicit cultivation of the opium poppy, and the Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development,<sup>2</sup> adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

*Emphasizing* the need to fight the illicit cultivation of opium poppy by all possible means,

*Aware* that, according to the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, poppy seeds are not subject to international control,

*Recognizing* that there is a need to prohibit the international trade in opium poppy seeds obtained from illicitly grown opium poppy plants,

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\* E/CN.7/2010/1.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/4 E.



*Noting* that poppy seeds derived from illicit cultivation are available on a large scale from countries where the cultivation of opium poppy is prohibited,

*Acknowledging* that the import, export and transit of opium poppy seeds are prohibited in many countries neighbouring countries where opium poppy is illicitly cultivated,

*Noting with concern* that the International Narcotics Control Board, in its report for 2009,<sup>3</sup> reported the seizure of a large quantity of opium poppy seeds,

*Resolving* to fight the international trade in opium poppy seeds obtained from illicitly grown opium poppy plants by practical measures, for example by ensuring that opium poppy seeds can be imported only from countries authorized to cultivate opium poppy,

1. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to take appropriate measures to ensure the full implementation of article 22 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961<sup>4</sup> by Member States concerned;

2. *Urges* all Member States to endeavour, consistent with their domestic laws and regulations and applicable international regulations, to import opium poppy seeds derived from licitly grown opium poppy crops;

3. *Calls upon* the Governments of countries that permit the importation of opium poppy seeds to put in place the control mechanism envisaged in Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32 of 28 July 1999;

4. *Requests* the Governments of countries where the cultivation of opiate raw material is permitted to determine the national legitimate requirements for opium poppy seed and to report those requirements to the International Narcotics Control Board;

5. *Invites* the Governments of countries where opium poppy is licitly cultivated and that export opium poppy seeds to identify, if they have not already done so, authorities responsible for controlling the export of opium poppy seeds from their countries, implementing the control measures contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32;

6. *Requests* Member States to provide information regarding the import and export of opium poppy seeds to the International Narcotics Control Board;

7. *Requests* all Member States to provide to the International Narcotics Control Board the texts of all laws and regulations promulgated to regulate the import and export of opium poppy seeds, as well as the names and addresses of the Government authorities empowered to issue permits for the import and export of opium poppy seeds;

8. *Urges* the International Narcotics Control Board, as the principal coordinating body, to continue gathering information on the international movement

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<sup>3</sup> *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2009* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.10.XI.1), para. 643.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

of poppy seeds obtained from licitly grown opium poppy crops for analysis and dissemination to Member States;

9. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board to prescribe the submission of forms to collect annual statistics from Member States in respect of production, consumption, import and export of poppy seeds obtained from licitly grown opium poppy crops, and of seizure of poppy seeds obtained from illicitly grown opium poppy crops;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments for their consideration and implementation.

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