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### Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

Hungary:\*\* draft resolution

## Improving quality and building monitoring capacity for the collection, reporting and analysis of data on the world drug problem and policy responses to it

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Bearing in mind* the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,<sup>1</sup> that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,<sup>2</sup> the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,<sup>3</sup> and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,<sup>4</sup>

*Aware of* the need to establish adequate procedures to fulfil the mandates assigned to it with regard to the examination of reports submitted in accordance with the above-mentioned treaties,

*Bearing in mind* the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>5</sup> adopted during the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and by the General Assembly in its

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\* E/CN.7/2011/1.

\*\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union.

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

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

<sup>5</sup> A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect. II.A.



resolution 64/182 of 18 December 2009, in which Member States took account of the need for indicators and instruments for the collection and analysis of accurate, reliable and comparable data on all relevant aspects of the world drug problem and, where appropriate, the enhancement or development of new indicators and instruments,

*Also bearing in mind* that in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, Member States committed themselves to report to the Commission on their efforts to fully implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action,

*Recalling* its resolution 52/12 of 20 March 2009 and its decision 53/2 of 10 March 2010, in which it decided to convene an open-ended expert group on data collection to improve the collection, reporting and analysis of data to monitor the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, which held two meetings,

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts of the open-ended expert group to improve the collection, reporting and analysis of data to monitor the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, as well as the reporting mandated by the three international drug control conventions,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 53/16 of 2 December 2010, in which it adopted the annual report questionnaire<sup>6</sup> as submitted by the expert group on data collection, decided that the annual report questionnaire should be periodically reviewed in order to have a flexible international instrument allowing the reporting of national and emerging drug situations and responses, taking into account the needs and challenges of balancing the collection of qualitative and quantitative data and information, and requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to carry out such reviews, taking into consideration, among other things, the challenges identified and the recommendations made by the reconvened expert group on data collection,<sup>7</sup>

*Noting with concern* the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse<sup>8</sup> which raises concern about the fact that there is a lack of current information on most of the epidemiological indicators on drug use, caused by a lack of sustainable drug information and monitoring systems in some parts of the world, which hinders the monitoring of changing and emerging trends, the implementation of evidence-based responses and the ability to assess the effectiveness of those responses,

1. *Recognizes* that continuing efforts are needed to improve the accuracy, reliability and comparability of data, analysis and reporting on all relevant aspects of the world drug situation, including in the field of drug demand reduction and drug supply reduction;

2. *Invites* Member States to invest, where necessary and taking into account specific needs and available resources, in capacity-building and quality-enhancing activities for the collection and reporting of information, with the aim of complying with the reporting mandates contained in the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs

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<sup>6</sup> E/CN.7/2010/19, E/CN.7/2010/20, E/CN.7/2010/21 and E/CN.7/2010/22.

<sup>7</sup> UNODC/CND/EG.1/2010/4, paras. 2-4.

<sup>8</sup> E/CN.7/2011/2.

of 1961,<sup>9</sup> the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,<sup>10</sup> the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988<sup>11</sup> and the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem<sup>12</sup> and providing, on a yearly basis, timely, accurate and reliable data by completing all parts of the annual report questionnaire;

3. *Invites* Member States to participate in joint cooperation efforts, organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and/or by other national, regional or international organizations and bodies, aimed at the exchange of technical knowledge of experts in the area of data collection, analysis and evaluation and of practical experience in the area of drug data;

4. *Invites* relevant international and regional organizations as well as Member States, upon the request of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to provide and, where possible, share experiences and expertise in collecting, analysing and reporting drug-related information and data, in order to contribute to the gradual standardization of high-quality data collection methods;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to prevent duplication of efforts by Member States to the extent possible by duly taking into account existing reporting procedures, including those of relevant regional and international bodies;

6. *Invites* relevant United Nations organizations and bodies, in particular the World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the International Narcotics Control Board, under the coordination of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to achieve system-wide coherence by exchanging data and information relevant to reporting on relevant aspects of the world drug situation, in order to prevent overlap and duplication of efforts;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to examine the feasibility of and conditions for establishing an international advisory panel of well-known scientific experts on drug-related information and data collection, including experts of existing monitoring institutions and networks, to be appointed based on their scientific excellence and independence, with due regard for the principle of equitable geographic representation, that may give its advice on the relevant scientific reports and publications of the Secretariat and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime relating to the world drug situation, with the aim of ensuring the achievement of scientific reporting of the highest attainable quality, and invites the Executive Director to submit to the Commission, at its fifty-fifth session, his deliberations with respect to that request;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to implement the measures proposed in his programme on monitoring information on drug supply statistics and epidemiology, aimed at building capacity

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<sup>9</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

<sup>12</sup> A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect. II.A.

and improving data on drug supply, drug use and associated harm, as well as on drug demand and drug supply reduction activities carried out by Member States;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit to the Commission, on a biennial basis, a report on the measures and activities undertaken by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to enhance the scientific quality of its reporting mechanisms and the support given to Member States in developing their capacity for data collection and analysis.

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