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INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada,
Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent
and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago; draft resolution

International co-operation against drug abuse and
illicit trafficking

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 43/122 of 8 December 1988, in which it reiterated its condemnation of international drug trafficking as a criminal activity, as well as other relevant resolutions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and of the Economic and Social Council, in particular Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/12 of 25 May 1988,

Stressing the importance of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, 1/ the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, 2/ and the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 3/

- 1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1019, No. 14956.
- 2/ Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.
- 3/ E/CONF.82/15 and Corr.1 and 2.

Recognizing the contribution made to the international campaign against illicit drug trafficking by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held in 1987, and cognizant of the relevance of the guiding principles set out in the Declaration of the Conference 4/ and in the recommendations of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 5/

Recognizing with appreciation the important work of the United Nations Division on Narcotic Drugs, the International Narcotics Control Board, the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and the United Nations specialized bodies such as the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and stressing the need to intensify support for these programmes which are at the centre of international efforts to prevent and control supply and demand of illicit drugs and to combat illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Expressing deep concern over the urgent problem of the illicit demand, production, trafficking and consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances that threaten the physical health of peoples and the political, economic, social and cultural structures of the countries concerned,

Reiterating that illicit trafficking is a global problem, the suppression of which demands continued urgent collective attention and the highest priority by all States,

Convinced that demand constitutes the central basis of the drug problem and that it is necessary to adopt increasingly effective measures to eliminate drug consumption,

Reaffirming that the eradication of drug demand and illicit traffic in drugs is the collective responsibility of all States, requiring their urgent attention,

Stressing therefore that States should continue to seek to find new ways to intensify their collective capability to fight against these problems while also seeking to strengthen and support all the existing means of international co-operation,

Alarmed by the recent nefarious actions of the drug cartels, which have had a destabilizing effect on the cultural, political and legal foundation of societies,

Determined to find all possible channels to intensify and broaden the international assault against illegal drug use and drug trafficking,

4/ Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. B.

5/ Ibid., chap. I, sect. A.

1. Welcomes the increasing international attention to these issues and the unflinching commitment demonstrated at the highest levels, by the heads of Governments and States, to accelerate their efforts and resources to achieve co-ordinated action in the international fight against drug trafficking and drug abuse;
2. Notes with appreciation the outstanding and ongoing contribution of the Secretary-General and the United Nations bodies responsible for drug questions to the international campaign against drug trafficking and drug abuse;
3. Agrees to strengthen the capability of the United Nations to provide more effective assistance to States, at their request, in the struggle against drug trafficking and drug abuse;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare detailed proposals on ways to reinforce and strengthen international capability within the framework of the United Nations, taking into consideration, inter alia, the following elements:
 - (a) The establishment, under the United Nations, of a central intelligence-gathering operation to collate information on the financial flows from drug related funds so that this information may be made available to States at their request;
 - (b) The co-ordination of an expanded programme of training for national narcotics agents in investigative methods, interdiction and narcotics intelligence within the long-term international drug law enforcement training strategy requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1988/12 and the General Assembly in its resolution 43/122;
 - (c) A reserve pool of experienced narcotics and intelligence agents pledged by other States, whose services States may request for specified periods of time;
 - (d) Increased expertise, research material and funding, which could be of assistance to States in the areas of public education, demand reduction management and rehabilitation;
 - (e) Ways in which the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control may be further strengthened, inter alia, in the area of income substitution programmes and in identifying alternative sources of income;
 - (f) A United Nations multilateral, multisectoral anti-drug capability with personnel whose services are pledged by Governments and who may be called upon at the request of States to assist in their anti-drug operations to inhibit the use, interdict the supply, and eliminate the illicit trafficking of drugs within and across their borders;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit an interim report on the matter to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session and comprehensive proposals to the General Assembly for its consideration.
