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INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

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Global programme of action against illicit narcotic drugs

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the dramatic increase in drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking in narcotics, which is threatening the health and well-being of millions of people, in particular the youth, in the majority of States in the world,

Deeply concerned that the evolving drug problem is assuming new dimensions, threatening the economic, social and political structures of affected countries, in the form of acts of violence perpetrated against their democratic institutions and the extensive economic power of illicit drug organizations,

Commending the determined efforts of the Government of Colombia to stop drug trafficking and recognizing the importance of support for such efforts by the international community,

Welcoming the increasing international attention to these issues and the unflinching commitment demonstrated at the highest levels by the heads of Government and State to accelerate their efforts and resources to achieve co-ordinated action in the international fight against the production, trafficking and abuse of narcotic drugs,

Recognizing that the collective responsibility of States for the campaign against the demand, production and trafficking in illicit drugs requires intensified international co-operation and joint action, including the capability

to provide, in appropriate forms, necessary support and assistance, if requested by affected States, in order to strengthen their capacity to deal with the problem in all its aspects,

Recognizing with appreciation the work carried out within the United Nations in the field of drug abuse control and the valuable knowledge and experience represented there,

Recognizing the important contributions made to the international campaign against traffic in drugs by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, held at Vienna from 17 to 26 June 1987, and, in particular by its adoption of the Declaration and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline for Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 1/ as well as by the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, held at Vienna from 25 November to 20 December 1988, which adopted the Convention, 2/

Deeply concerned that, owing to a lack of resources, it has not been possible for the United Nations organs concerned to execute several of the important steps and measures that were mandated for the 1988-1989 biennium,

Acknowledging the recommendations of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, at their twenty-fourth series of joint meeting at which they concluded, inter alia, that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should prepare a system-wide co-ordination plan leading to specific activities to be undertaken by organizations of the United Nations system, individually and collectively, and that consideration could be given to the need for the establishment of additional mechanisms to enhance the effectiveness of the United Nations system in the field of drug abuse control,

Recognizing that the new dimensions taken on by the drug menace will necessitate a more comprehensive approach to international drug control and a more efficient and co-ordinated structure in this field in order to enable the United Nations to play the central and greatly increased role necessary for countering this threat,

1. Resolves that action against drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking in narcotics should, as a collective responsibility, be accorded the highest possible priority by the international community and that the United Nations should be the main focus for concerted action against illicit drugs;

1/ 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.

2/ See E/CONF.82/15.

2. Agrees to strengthen the capability of the United Nations to achieve a more efficient and co-ordinated co-operation at the international, regional and national levels against the threats posed by illicit narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to develop a global United Nations programme of action against narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances to be considered by the General Assembly at its special session on narcotic drugs that would encompass, inter alia, two areas of emphasis:

(a) Increased co-ordination within the United Nations system through the establishment of a system-wide co-ordination plan on drug abuse control;

(b) Reinforcing international capabilities within the framework of the United Nations to encompass the full range of measures required to meet the challenges now posed by the complex of problems connected with narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to co-ordinate the development of a United Nations system-wide co-ordination plan on drug abuse control aimed at the full implementation of all existing mandates and subsequent decisions of intergovernmental bodies throughout the United Nations system, using as a guide the Declaration and the recommendations of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in its Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline for Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, and for the attainment of this purpose:

(a) Calls upon the Division on Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat, the International Narcotics Control Board and its secretariat, as well as the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, to consult closely with and contribute their expertise to the other agencies represented on the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in developing the co-ordination plan;

(b) Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to include in the co-ordination plan, inter alia:

- (i) A statement of purposes that defines the overall goal and denotes specific objectives;
- (ii) An outline of concrete activities that each agency should undertake, within its mandate, ensuring that there is no duplication or overlap;
- (iii) A reasonable time-frame for implementation of each portion of the co-ordination plan;
- (iv) A realistic cost estimate for implementing the co-ordination plan, being mindful that it may be necessary for agencies to reorder priorities, redeploy resources or obtain from their governing bodies the authority needed to fulfil their part of the plan;

(c) Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to present the co-ordination plan to all Member States no later than 31 March 1990, in order to permit discussion at the spring 1990 session of the Economic and Social Council;

(d) Requests the executive heads of the United Nations bodies to report annually to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the progress made in implementing the co-ordination plan and that the Committee include the same information in its annual report, so as to enable the Secretary-General to include the information in his report to the General Assembly;

(e) Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to make the necessary adjustments in the co-ordination plan annually and to ensure that each agency brings up to date and revises its related activities annually in order to meet changing circumstances;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to establish, for a maximum period of one year, a task force on narcotic drugs consisting of a limited number of experts from Member States to co-operate with the Secretary-General and other United Nations officials for the purpose of advising and assisting in the development of proposals for a global programme of action to be submitted to the General Assembly at its special session;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to direct the task force to provide detailed proposals for short-term, medium-term and long-term actions with the dual aim of initiating a global programme of action and taking appropriate decisions in order to enhance the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control, taking into consideration the following elements:

(a) Giving increased attention to curbing the rising demand for narcotic drugs in the form of intensified rehabilitative, legal and preventive measures, including public information and education;

(b) The possibility of the declaration of a United Nations decade against drug abuse with the purpose of raising public awareness through a world-wide campaign against drug abuse;

(c) Extending the scope of international co-operation in support of rural development programmes and other economic development and technical assistance programmes aimed at reducing illicit production and drug trafficking through the strengthening of economic, judicial and legal systems;

(d) The co-ordination of an expanded programme of training for national narcotics agents in investigative methods, interdiction and narcotics intelligence;

(e) A reserve pool of experienced narcotics and intelligence agents pledged by other States, whose services States may request for specified periods of time;

(f) The feasibility of a United Nations multilateral, multisectoral anti-drug capability with personnel whose services are pledged by Governments and who may be called upon by States to assist in their anti-drug operations to inhibit the use,

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interdict the supply and eliminate the illicit trafficking of drugs within and across their borders;

(g) The full involvement of international, regional and national financial institutions within their respective areas of competence in elaborating measures to counteract the negative economic and social consequences of the drug problem in all its aspects, paying special attention to the characteristics and magnitude of the conversion and transference of drug-related monies in the economic systems of countries;

(h) The establishment under the United Nations of a facility to gather and collate information on the financial flow from drug-related funds to be made available to States at their request;

(i) The development of mechanisms to prevent the use of the banking system and other financial institutions for the processing or laundering of drug-related money;

(j) The formulation of recommendations to enhance the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control in the most appropriate way to enable the United Nations to perform its increasing tasks in the most effective and co-ordinated manner;

(k) The development of recommendations for generating increased financial resources to the United Nations drug effort and for ensuring sufficient regular budget resources for the United Nations drug bodies to carry out their mandates;

(l) The elaboration of any other appropriate measures whereby the United Nations can contribute further to concerted international action against illicit narcotic drugs;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to give a substantially higher priority to narcotics control activities in his next medium-term plan;

8. Urges States to contribute to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and to consider giving financial or other support to the task force and to the global programme of action;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly on drug abuse informed of progress and to submit to the Assembly at its special session a report to enable Member States to review the activities of and give further guidelines to the task force;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit the final report of the task force and a report on the implementation of the present resolution, as well as on actions taken in the light of decisions taken at the special session, to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.