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International co-operation in drug abuse control

Australia, Bahamas, Mauritania, Mexico, Norway, Paraguay,
Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, Sweden and United
States of America: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Noting the continuing spread of drug abuse in many parts of the world and its harmful impact on developing and industrialized countries,

Viewing with concern the detrimental effects drug abuse can have on all societies and individuals, particularly young people,

Recognizing that illicit traffic in drugs and the profits accruing therefrom to traffickers criminal organizations pose a threat to the social-economic well-being of many countries and should be addressed through development assistance programmes together with intensified law enforcement, education and demand reduction efforts,

Noting with satisfaction the positive results that have been attained in a number of countries, but at the same time expressing concern for the lack of realization of many of the objectives for drug abuse control set forth in the drug control treaties as well as in the resolutions and documents of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the International Narcotics Control Board, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the World Health Organization,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/168 of 20 December 1978, in which the Assembly requested more extensive and co-ordinated co-operation between Governments and relevant bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies in the designing and implementation of programmes aimed at the eradication of illicit demand for and illicit traffic in drugs,

Bearing in mind the necessity for international drug abuse control policies and strategy, as requested in General Assembly resolution 32/124 of 16 December 1977 and reiterated in resolution 8 (XXVIII) of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of 23 February 1979,

Having received the Commission's report, noted in Economic and Social Council decision 1979/19, proposing principles to guide future international drug abuse control activities,

1. Takes note of the Commission's report and requests all agencies and organizations concerned to implement operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of the aforementioned resolution of the Commission and to elaborate a practical and dynamic drug abuse control programme, taking into account these principles, and to provide within the existing regular budget for the monitoring of the implementation of the programme by the Commission;
2. Requests the Commission to finalize at its next special session, to be held in 1980, a meaningful drug abuse control strategy and policies aimed at eradicating illicit demand for, production of and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session in 1980 on the progress achieved in this respect;
3. Invites Member States to take into account the principles set forth by the Commission in allocating, within their capabilities, national resources to drug abuse control programmes - including programmes to combat the illicit production of and trafficking in narcotic and psychotropic substances and to reduce the demand for these drugs - and calls for greater technical and financial contributions to those developing countries which are constrained by limited national resources in their efforts to implement drug abuse control programmes;
4. Further invites Member States to take appropriate measures for the prevention of uncontrolled or illicit manufacture and export of psychotropic substances and the chemical precursors of drugs of abuse such as acetic anhydride;
5. Urges States which have not yet become parties to the international drug control treaties to adhere to them and to make maximum efforts to implement them;
6. Further urges 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 Agricultural 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 and demand for drugs, and specifically requests these agencies to make this activity a regular item on the agendas of their governing bodies;

7. Requests the agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, the international financial institutions and member Governments within their bilateral and multilateral development assistance programmes to provide, when requested by a recipient State and if possible, appropriate assistance for the implementation of drug abuse prevention and control measures, particularly activities which promote new income sources that can substitute for illicit production of narcotics raw materials production and which promote the reduction in demand for dangerous drugs;

8. Further requests the United Nations and the specialized agencies with programmes having an impact on narcotics, as a means of expediting a concerted international effort to substantially reduce illicit drug activities, to report annually to the General Assembly on their activities and proposed projects in this field;

9. Appeals to Member States, in accordance with their individual development goals, to consider within their national development programmes the inclusion of appropriate drug abuse control measures;

10. Reiterates its continued support for the initiatives of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in helping countries reduce the demand for, production of and traffic in illicit narcotics;

11. Expresses its disappointment at the low levels of financial support being provided to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and appeals to Member States to make new, sustained or increased cash contributions to the Fund as well as further financial or in-kind contributions in support of its projects and activities;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on the progress being made in the implementation of this resolution and resolution No. 8 of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of 23 February 1979, and to transmit the first resolution to Governments and concerned international agencies.
