

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 36/132 of 14 December 1981, 36/168 of 16 December 1981, 37/198 of 18 December 1982 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/8 of 30 April 1982,

Having considered the recommendations from subsidiary bodies concerning the illicit traffic presented to it at its eighth special session (E/CN.7/1984/8),

Noting with deep concern the continuing deterioration in the situation regarding the illicit traffic, which produces extraordinarily high profits for traffickers, and the growing evidence of close links in many parts of the world between that traffic, the illegal traffic in firearms, subversion, international terrorism and other organized criminal activities,

Recognizing the urgent need to further intensify concerted international action against these threats and to continue to strengthen national and international measures which have been proven successful in countering the illicit traffic and especially the traffic through previously unaffected transit States,

Recognizing also the extent to which co-ordinated regional and inter-regional co-operation in action against the illicit traffic had been strengthened by meetings organized by the Division of Narcotic Drugs in which the subsidiary bodies had participated during 1983,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the recommendations from subsidiary bodies concerning the illicit traffic, including those relating to means of

ensuring the tracing, freezing and forfeiture of the profits and proceeds of drug crimes (E/CN.7/1984/8);

2. Urges all concerned Member States, with the support of organizations and programmes within the United Nations system, to increase efforts to reduce the illicit supply and manufacture of drugs liable to abuse and to seek more effective means of reducing the availability of chemical and other precursors of a number of those drugs;

3. Calls upon Member States, with the support of organizations and programmes within the United Nations system, to further intensify their efforts to identify and apply measures which have proven successful in preventing and reducing illicit demand and drug abuse and to mobilize, to the extent possible, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and all concerned sectors of society, in this endeavour;

4. Urges organizations and programmes within the United Nations system, as well as Member States, to allocate resources and expertise, to the extent possible, to improve means of ensuring rapid, secure and accurate transmission of operational information and to further the training of personnel both to maintain those means of communication and to act upon the information transmitted;

5. Requests Member States to give high priority to adopting legislative and administrative measures which will enable drug law enforcement agencies to use all reasonable means to collect and exchange information and evidence on identified drug trafficking groups and operations, especially across national borders, bearing in mind the need for mutual judicial and other assistance between States in the pursuit of these measures;

6. Also requests Member States to give the highest priority, in co-operation with all relevant international and intergovernmental organizations, to identifying measures, such as adaptation of penal, procedural and fiscal law, which may be successfully adopted in all Member States to ensure the tracing, freezing and forfeiture of the profits and proceeds of drug crimes and to making knowledge of these measures available to concerned Member States and to strengthen bilateral and multilateral co-operation in this field.

7. Further requests Member States to consider the desirability of identifying and applying means of mobilizing public opinion in support of the work of the drug law enforcement agencies to interdict the illicit drug traffic;

8. Further requests organizations and programmes within the United Nations system and concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as Member States with available resources and expertise, to continue and to expand present programmes of drug law enforcement training, through national and regional workshops and otherwise, by increasing the availability of such training, not only to drug law enforcement professionals, but also to those from other sectors of Government which can support or supplement the work of those agencies, including, in particular, the staff of narcotics forensic laboratory services;

9. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue, within available resources, to develop all avenues leading to further improvement of regional and international co-ordination of activities against drug trafficking and related serious illegal activity, including the illicit traffic in firearms, subversion, international terrorism and other organized criminal activities, especially through the development of co-ordination mechanisms where these do not already exist, bearing in mind, in particular, the need to alleviate the special problems of transit States;

(b) To continue also to give the highest priority, in co-operation with concerned Member States and all relevant international and intergovernmental organizations, to identifying measures which may be successfully adopted in all Member States to ensure the tracing, freezing and forfeiture of the profits and proceeds of drug crimes, and to making knowledge of these measures available to concerned Governments;

(c) To explore, in co-operation with the International Telecommunications Union and ICPO/Interpol, means by which concerned programmes within the United Nations system could assist in improving means of communication, especially at the regional and interregional levels, bearing in mind the possible contribution of resources from the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, and to co-ordinate this endeavour;

(d) To investigate the possibility of reaching agreement at the regional and interregional levels on recommended methods of analysis of drugs seized from the traffic;

(e) To report on the results of his activities to the next regular session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

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