

Resolution 10 (XXXIX)

Towards a new system of financing activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/179 of 11 December 1990 establishing the United National International Drug Control Programme as the single body with the exclusive responsibility to coordinate all drug-control activities within the United Nations System and to provide effective leadership in promoting international cooperation in drug control,

Noting that the General Assembly, in the same resolution, entrusted the Programme with an expanded mandate to evolve as the main focus for concerted international action for drug control, and to conduct analytical work, research and policy implementation, without, however, providing for a system of financing this expanded mandate,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/185 C of 20 December 1991 establishing the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as a fund for financing operational activities,

Appreciating the contributions, financial and otherwise, that consumer, transit and producing countries are making to the worldwide fight against illicit drugs,

Concerned, however, about current trends showing a general decline in resources allocated to the Programme from both regular and extrabudgetary sources,

Noting also with concern that while 55 States contributed financially to the Programme during the biennium 1994-1995, only a handful of those States provided 90 per cent of such contributions, and even fewer financed two thirds of the voluntary general-purpose funding,

Recalling that, in its resolution 15 (XXXVIII) of 13 December 1995, the Commission expressed support for the strategy presented by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme at its reconvened thirty-eighth session for attracting more resources through the prompt implementation of a resource mobilization strategy designed to expand extrabudgetary contributions,

Recalling also that in the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, 1/ article 5, paragraph 5(b), Parties to the Convention are encouraged to give special consideration to contributing the value of confiscated proceeds, or a substantial part thereof, to intergovernmental bodies specializing in the fight against illicit traffic in and abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

* See paragraph 164 above.

1. Stresses that the basic prerequisites for enabling the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to carry out its catalytic, expert, coordinating and comprehensive technical assistance roles are the active participation of a greater number of Member States in the work of the Programme and the availability of a critical mass of additional general-purpose resources;

2. Endorses the proposals of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme for maintaining and strengthening the capacities of the Programme as a centre of excellence in order:

(a) To ensure the availability of higher-quality expertise in the various sectors of drug control;

(b) To provide more solid support and backstopping of operational activities in the field, including preparation, coordination, research, analysis and evaluation;

(c) To be a credible point of reference for the establishment of a network of expertise available to the international community;

3. Recognizes the need for increasing general-purpose funds in order to implement the above proposals;

4. Takes note with appreciation of the initiative of the Executive Director designed to increase general-purpose contributions to the Fund of the Programme by approximately 15 million United States dollars annually through his proposals to widen the donor base and to increase the proportion of such contributions in relation to the total funds;

5. Supports the proposal by the Executive Director to extend the basis of the financing system of the Programme to a much broader group of contributing States, and suggests that, with a view to providing the Programme with the necessary resources, States, in considering their contributions, should take into account that proposal;

6. Expresses its appreciation to those States which have already responded positively to the appeal by the Executive Director for the additional general-purpose funding, and urges all other States to give an early response;

7. Invites developing countries which are in a position to do so, and which are beneficiaries of technical assistance provided by the Programme, to contribute through an agreed cost-sharing mechanism to the proposed new system of financing activities of the Programme;

8. Recommends that competent organs, organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system as well as intergovernmental organizations and voluntary private organizations in a position to do so should respond to the appeal made by the Executive Director;

9. Invites Member States, subject to their constitutional or legislative limitations, to consider contributing a portion of the value of confiscated drug-related proceeds to the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to take full account of the priority attached to the maintenance of existing regular budget resources allocated to the Programme;

11. Decides to further consider implementation of the proposed concept of ownership of the Programme, as outlined in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Programme, 2/ as well as possible further proposals to be submitted by the Executive Director to the Commission at its fortieth session;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Economic and Social Council in the high-level segment of its substantive session of 1996;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments for consideration and implementation.

1/ Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 25 November-20 December 1988, vol.I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.XI.5).

2/ E/CN.7/1996/2.