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*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Concerned* by the increase in trafficking in illicit drugs, in particular opiates, from Afghanistan through the States of central Asia, and by the serious threat that such an increase poses to security and stability in the region and beyond,

*Reaffirming* the need to strengthen multilateral cooperation at international, regional and subregional levels in order to deal effectively with that threat,

*Convinced* that the drug problem needs to be addressed in a coordinated, comprehensive, balanced and integrated manner, involving both supply and demand reduction, in accordance with the measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together,

1. *Commends* the initiative of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat and the Chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in convening the International Conference on Enhancing Security and Stability in Central Asia: An Integrated Approach to Counter Drugs, Organized Crime and Terrorism, held with the assistance of the Government of Uzbekistan in Tashkent on 19 and 20 October 2000, as an example of international cooperation between organizations having a distinct mandate and maximizing their experience to deal more effectively with the drug problem and related issues;
2. *Takes note* of the endorsement given by the States of central Asia at the International Conference to a declaration and a document on priorities for cooperation, *inter alia*, to counter drugs in the region, for example, through the exchange of information, research, enhancing preventive measures and strengthening control efforts and the justice system as a whole, thereby ensuring good governance and full respect for the rule of law;
3. *Invites* States of the region to take further initiatives to continue the process and enhance the quality of multilateral cooperation;
4. *Welcomes* the initiatives of the States of central Asia designed to promote closer links and confidence-building measures in the region, leading to more effective cooperation in drug control;
5. *Also welcomes* the efforts made by donor countries and international and regional organizations to support the ongoing regional and national drug control projects in central Asia, through institution-building, advocacy, law enforcement and demand reduction;
6. *Calls on* the donor community to continue its efforts to support drug control activities in the region, in particular in the field of demand reduction;
7. *Requests* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue its activities in the region, within available voluntary contributions, with a view to supporting the efforts of the Governments concerned;
8. *Also requests* the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention to report to

the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty -sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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\*/ For the discussion, see chap. V, para. 116.

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