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**CND Res.45/12. Diversion of precursors and prompt reporting to the competent authorities of the countries of origin and the countries of transit and the International Narcotics Control Board**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Concerned* with the diversion and misuse of precursors for the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

*Recalling* article 12, paragraphs 1 and 9 (c), of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,<sup>42</sup>

*Recalling* the measures to prevent the illicit manufacture, import, export, trafficking, distribution and diversion of precursors used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,<sup>43</sup> adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together,

*Reaffirming* the importance of preventing the diversion of precursors from legitimate trade for use in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as an essential component of a comprehensive strategy against drug trafficking and drug abuse,

*Recognizing* the importance of the effective and real-time exchange of information relating to the interdiction, diversion and suspected diversion of precursors, as an essential component of a strategy to facilitate comprehensive investigations into cases relating to such diversion, including the identification of the *modi operandi* and entities involved and the initiation of appropriate legal action,

*Welcoming with satisfaction* the results of Operation Purple, the international initiative to track individual shipments of potassium permanganate in international trade,

*Welcoming with satisfaction* the results of Operation Topaz, the international initiative to track individual shipments of acetic anhydride in international trade,

1. *Calls upon* all Governments and relevant regional bodies to take steps to put in place systems and procedures to ensure that the details of any interdiction, seizure, diversion or suspected diversion of precursors within their territories are communicated without delay to the competent authorities of all Governments concerned and the International Narcotics Control Board, and notes that the relevant elements of the standard operating procedures and the best practices of Operation Purple and Operation Topaz could be used as guidelines in that regard;

2. *Urges* the International Narcotics Control Board to continue to follow up all such cases by facilitating investigation with the competent authorities of the countries concerned and to incorporate its findings in the annual report of the Board on precursors and chemicals frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

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<sup>42/</sup> *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).

<sup>43/</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/4 B, sect. I.