

## Resolution 48/5

### **Strengthening international cooperation in order to prevent the use of the Internet to commit drug-related crime**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,<sup>1</sup>

*Taking into account* that the fight against illicit drug trafficking can benefit from the use of innovative techniques to counter new forms of transnational organized crime,

*Aware* of the importance attached by the International Narcotics Control Board to efforts by Governments to prevent the use of the Internet for the purpose of promoting the abuse of and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

*Concerned* at the growing tendency of criminal groups to use modern technologies in their activities, as well as in the promotion of their illicit activities, and to operate transnationally,

*Aware* that such transnational criminal activities are best countered through a combination of national and, where appropriate, international responses,

1. *Urges* Member States, consistent with their legal systems, to cooperate with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of law enforcement action in relation to the use of the Internet to combat drug-related crime;

2. *Calls upon* Member States, consistent with their legal systems and to the extent necessary, to use modern law enforcement techniques to prevent the use of the Internet to commit drug-related crime;

3. *Encourages* Member States, consistent with their legal systems and if not contrary to domestic law, to establish joint teams to identify illegal drug-related Internet sites;

4. *Also encourages* Member States, consistent with their legal systems, to strengthen cooperation among law enforcement agencies, at the national and international levels;

5. *Invites* Member States with the appropriate expertise to assist other States in planning and implementing training programmes designed to share expertise in preventing the use of the Internet to commit drug-related crime.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.