

**Resolution 49/2**  
**Recognizing the contribution of civil society in global efforts to address the drug problem in the context of reporting on the goals and targets for 2008 set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,<sup>1</sup> devoted to countering the world drug problem together,

*Recalling also* that, in paragraphs 2 and 12 of the Political Declaration, Member States recognized that action against the world drug problem was a common and shared responsibility requiring an integrated and balanced approach that involved civil society, including non-governmental organizations,

*Taking into account* the important role that can be played by non-governmental organizations in contributing to the identification of viable solutions and the formulation and implementation of appropriate programmes and policies, as envisaged by the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, adopted in 1987,<sup>2</sup> and the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,<sup>3</sup>

*Noting* the important role played by non-governmental organizations and civil society in demand reduction by, for example, providing education, leisure and recreational activities and facilitating interaction between generations,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 42/9, in which it expressed the need to recognize and encourage the efforts of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in drug demand reduction,

*Reinforcing* the commitment made by Heads of State at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly to achieve significant and measurable results in the field of demand reduction, inter alia, by the year 2008,

*Bearing in mind* Member States' commitment to report on progress in achieving goals and targets by 2008 and the request of the General Assembly to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to analyse such reports,

*Taking note* of the second biennial report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly,<sup>4</sup> in which it was stated that demand reduction efforts needed to be stepped up over the next five years in order to achieve significant and measurable results,

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.

<sup>2</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987* (United Nations publication, Sales No. 87.I.13), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>3</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.

<sup>4</sup> E/CN.7/2003/2 and Add.1-6.

1. *Acknowledges with satisfaction* the contribution made by civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in curbing drug abuse, in particular with regard to the reduction of demand;
2. *Encourages* Member States to consider consulting and working with non-governmental organizations in developing and implementing demand reduction policy and programmes;
3. *Seriously encourages* civil society and non-governmental organizations to use their full capacity to raise public awareness regarding the negative consequences of drug abuse;
4. *Encourages* non-governmental organizations to reflect on their own achievements in addressing the drug problem and to report on their progress to their respective national government bodies, in the context of reporting on the goals and targets for 2008 set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session;
5. *Calls upon* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to work, as appropriate, with relevant United Nations entities, international organizations and non-governmental organizations in order to facilitate participation by representatives of non-governmental organizations in the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly.