

**Preparations for the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, relating to the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,<sup>32</sup> devoted to countering the world drug problem together, in which the Assembly established goals and targets to be met by all States by the years 2003 and 2008,

*Recalling also* that in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, the Assembly called upon all States to report biennially to the Commission on their efforts to meet the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008,<sup>33</sup>

*Recognizing* that the international drug control treaties and the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, especially the Political Declaration, the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction<sup>34</sup> and the measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem,<sup>35</sup> together constitute a comprehensive framework for drug control activities by States and relevant international organizations, and stressing the need for consistency in efforts to implement those activities,

*Recalling* its resolution 42/11, in which it requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to prepare a single biennial report, which should also cover the difficulties encountered in meeting the objectives and targets agreed upon at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, and it decided to submit a report to the Assembly in the years 2003 and 2008 on the progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration,

*Recalling also* its resolution 49/1, in which it called upon the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to engage with national and regional experts from all geographical regions, as well as experts from relevant international organizations in the field of drug control, on the collection and use of complementary drug-related data and expertise to support the global assessment by Member States of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

*Recalling further* its resolution 49/2, in which it encouraged 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 set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

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<sup>32</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.

<sup>33</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex, para. 20.

<sup>34</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.

<sup>35</sup> General Assembly resolutions S-20/4 A to E.

*Taking note* of the fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem,<sup>36</sup> the final assessment report submitted pursuant to its resolution 42/11, drawing together all the information gathered through all of the biennial reports questionnaires for each of the reporting periods,

*Taking note also* of the report of the Executive Director on the collection and use of complementary drug-related data and expertise to support the global assessment by Member States of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, submitted pursuant to its resolution 49/1,<sup>37</sup>

*Noting* the thematic debate at its fifty-first session on the progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets set for the years 2003 and 2008 in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

*Recalling* its resolution 50/12, in which it agreed that, at its fifty-first session, in 2008, it would initiate the preparatory process for a high-level segment, open to all States Members of the United Nations, to be held during its fifty-second session, in 2009,

*Stressing* that the preparatory process should be a period of reflection, taking into account the international drug control treaties and measures that have led to positive outcomes and aspects that require greater effort and that during the preparatory process an objective, scientific, balanced and transparent global evaluation should be conducted of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts of Member States to meet the goals and targets set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

*Encouraging* international and regional organizations and civil society to play a role in the preparatory process,

1. *Decides* to establish pursuant to its resolutions 49/1 and 49/2 open-ended, intergovernmental expert working groups to work in a coordinated manner, on the following topics, which correspond to the subjects of the action plans, declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session:

- (a) Drug demand reduction;<sup>38</sup>
- (b) Supply reduction (manufacture and trafficking);<sup>39</sup>
- (c) Countering money-laundering<sup>40</sup> and promoting judicial cooperation;<sup>41</sup>
- (d) International cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development;<sup>42</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> E/CN.7/2008/2 and Add.1-6.

<sup>37</sup> E/CN.7/2008/8.

<sup>38</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.

<sup>39</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/4 A.

<sup>40</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/4 D.

<sup>41</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/4 C.

<sup>42</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/4 E.

- (e) Control of precursors<sup>43</sup> and of amphetamine-type stimulants;<sup>44</sup>
2. *Decides* that each of the working groups shall meet once, for three days and with interpretation services, to assess the achievement of the goals and targets set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, as well as areas requiring further action, and to draw conclusions for further intersessional discussions, taking into account:
- (a) The fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem,<sup>45</sup> the final assessment report submitted pursuant to Commission resolution 42/11;
- (b) The outcome of the thematic debate of the Commission at its fifty-first session;
- (c) Supplementary information provided pursuant to Commission resolutions 49/1, 49/2 and 50/12;
- (d) Relevant information from international and regional organizations;
- (e) Other relevant information, in particular from civil society;
3. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to organize the meetings of the working groups back-to-back with each other, where possible and appropriate;
4. *Urges* Member States to ensure the participation of experts and practitioners in the working groups;
5. *Invites* Member States to provide resources for the attendance of experts from developing countries;
6. *Decides* that intersessional meetings shall be held during the second half of 2008 to prepare recommendations for the decisions to be adopted by the Commission at its fifty-second session, such intersessional meetings to take into account, inter alia, the conclusions of the working groups in order to provide material on which to base the drafting of the outcome of the high-level segment of its fifty-second session;
7. *Decides also* that, in addition to the five days usually scheduled for its sessions in the first half of the year, two days shall be devoted to the high-level segment of its fifty-second session;
8. *Resolves* that, notwithstanding the obligations emanating from the international drug control treaties and without prejudice to the outcome of the review process, a political declaration and, as appropriate, other declarations and measures to enhance international cooperation should be considered and adopted at the high-level segment, identifying, on the basis of the results of the review process, future priorities and areas requiring further action, as well as goals and targets to be set in countering the world drug problem beyond 2009, and also resolves that the outcome of the high-level segment shall be submitted to the General Assembly;

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

<sup>44</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/4 A.

<sup>45</sup> E/CN.7/2008/2 and Add.1-6.

9. *Calls upon* Member States and observers participating in the high-level segment of its fifty-second session to ensure that they are represented at the highest possible level.