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POLITICAL DECLARATION AND PLAN  
OF ACTION ON INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED  
AND BALANCED STRATEGY TO COUNTER  
THE WORLD DRUG PROBLEM



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## Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 9(1) in 1946, to assist the Council in supervising the application of the international drug control treaties. The CND also has important functions assigned to it by the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1953, as amended by the 1972 Protocol amending that Convention, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971 and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988. In 1991, the General Assembly (GA) further expanded the mandates of the CND to enable it to function as a governing body of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and to approve the budget of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, which accounts for over 90 per cent of the resources available to the United Nations for drug control. In ECOSOC resolution 1999/30, the CND was requested to enhance its functioning by structuring its agenda into two distinct segments: a normative segment, during which the CND discharges its treaty-based and normative functions; and an operational segment, during which the CND exercises its role as the governing body of UNODC.

## Political Declarations on the World Drug Problem

The GA, at its twentieth special session, adopted the 1998 Political Declaration on the World Drug Problem, which requested Member States to report biennially to the CND on their efforts to meet specific goals and targets. In March 2009 at the 52nd session of the CND, Member States evaluated the progress made since 1998 and identified future priorities and areas requiring further action. As a result, the CND adopted the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem. In this Declaration and Plan of Action, Member States expressed grave concerns about the growing threats posed by the world drug problem and identified effective and increased international cooperation, which demanded an integrated, multidisciplinary, mutually reinforcing and balanced approach to supply and demand reduction strategies, as a possible solution. The Plan of Action comprises in three parts: *a*) demand reduction and related measures; *b*) supply reduction and related measures; and *c*) countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation.

## High-level Review of the Implementation of the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action

In accordance with CND resolution 56/12, the CND will, at its fifty-seventh session in 2014, conduct a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action for two days in addition to the five days usually scheduled for the regular sessions of the CND. The theme of the high-level review will be “Progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem” and the outcome of the high-level review will be submitted to the GA for its consideration in view of, inter alia, the special session of the GA on the world drug problem to be held in 2016. In accordance with GA resolution 67/193, this special session will also review the progress in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, as well as assess its achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the above-mentioned three international drug control conventions and other United Nations instruments.

# Secretariat to the Governing Bodies

The Secretariat to the Governing Bodies (SGB) is the main contact point for Member States concerning matters pertaining to the work and the competence of the CND and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as well as regarding the work of ECOSOC, the GA and the United Nations Crime Congresses as applicable to the Commissions. The SGB provides substantive and technical support to the Commissions as well as to their Bureaus and extended Bureaus.



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