CND Res.11(XIV). Technical assistance for narcotics control

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Having regard to the fact that, in spite of extensive efforts on the part of governments and other authorities concerned, the illicit traffic in drugs remains at a high level,

Considering that the effectiveness of the control system embodied in the international narcotics treaties would be significantly increased by technical assistance being available to countries which require it,

Noting that a number of the countries concerned are less developed countries and that addiction and the illicit traffic form a serious drag on their social and economic progress,

Recognizing that weakness in control in one country may prejudice the situation in others, and that in many cases narcotics control projects would benefit the international community as much or more than the country receiving technical assistance,

Noting that a number of countries which have felt a need for technical assistance in this field have not been able to include projects in their regular technical assistance programmes,

Recognizing that countries find it difficult to request regional programmes in narcotics control under the present technical assistance system despite the urgent need for increased co-operation on a regional level in some parts of the world,

1. Recommends to the Council that a continuing programme for technical assistance in narcotics control be established within the regular budget of the United Nations; and

2. Recommends further to the Council that emphasis should be placed upon regional or national programmes where the problems of addiction and the illicit traffic are acute.

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