CND Res.1(XVI). Illicit traffic

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recognizing the urgent need for increasingly effective narcotic enforcement procedures, for close co-operation between governments with prompt exchange of information, and for strong national legislation including adequate narcotic penalty provisions,

Realizing that too great a disparity in penalties awarded in different countries to convicted traffickers and smugglers of narcotics prejudices international efforts to counter illicit traffic in cocaine, opium, morphine, heroin and cannabis in many areas of the world,

Considering that in countries having a serious problem of illicit narcotics traffic sustained programmes of strict enforcement which would ensure the arrest of narcotic traffickers and the certainty that on conviction they would be confined for substantial minimum periods without any provisional release, in accordance with the constitution of any country concerned, would be a most effective method of reducing the volume of the illicit narcotics traffic,

 Recommends that governments having a serious problem of illicit traffic in narcotics take necessary measures for close co-operation and for prompt exchange of information and to ensure imposition of adequate sentences against such unlawful narcotics traffickers.