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**CND Res.1(S-II). United Nations Fund for Drug Control**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Deeply concerned with the disastrous spread of drug abuse in large parts of the world and its destructive effects upon millions of individuals and society;

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1532(XLIX) of 24 July 1970;

Convinced of the need for the establishment and active implementation of a comprehensive plan of integrated international action to attack the problem of the abuse of drugs, namely narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, simultaneously at its three critical points: supply, demand and illicit traffic;

Recognizing that such a large-scale plan of action would require financial means and resources in addition to those now available within the UN system:

1. Considers that integrated international action against drug abuse should be designed to:

(i) limit the supply of drugs to legitimate requirements by putting an end to their illegal or uncontrolled production, processing and manufacture, making use of crop substitution or other methods, as appropriate,

(ii) improve the administrative and technical capabilities of existing bodies concerned with the elimination of the illicit traffic in drugs,

(iii) develop measures to prevent drug abuse through programmes of education and special campaigns, including the use of mass media,

(iv) provide facilities and develop methods for the treatment, rehabilitation, and social re-integration of drug dependent persons;

2. Considers further, without prejudice to ongoing projects, that immediate action needs to be taken with a view to:

(i) expanding research and information facilities within the secretariats of United Nations drug control bodies to gather data on all aspects of drug abuse in order to supply timely information to governments and the public and for the preparation of educational materials,

(ii) planning and implementing programmes of technical assistance to countries in the establishment and improvement of national drug control administrations and enforcement machinery, and the training of needed personnel, including assistance in the setting up or expansion of research and training centres which could serve national or regional needs.

(iii) enlarging the capabilities and extending the operations of the secretariats of the United Nations drug control bodies by providing additional competent personnel, as required;

3. Recommends to the Economic and Social Council to invite the Secretary-General to establish as an initial measure and as a matter of urgency a United Nations Fund for Drug Control, to be made up of voluntary contributions from government and non-governmental sources for the purpose of providing resources for the activities referred to in paragraph 2 above, to formulate procedures for the administration and operation of the Fund, and make a progress report to the 24th session of the Commission;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with the purposes set forth in paragraph 1 above and taking into account the discussions at the second special session of the Commission and international agreements concerning drug abuse control, to elaborate, after consultation with United Nations bodies, the Specialized Agencies and other competent international organizations, a plan for concerted long-term action against drug abuse, including proposals for permanent arrangements regarding administration and financing which will ensure proper co-ordination within the United Nations system;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit this plan to the 24th session of the Commission for action and transmittal to the appropriate United Nations organs;

6. Urges governments which are in a position to do so to contribute to the Fund;

7. Expresses the hope that non-governmental organizations, philanthropic foundations and the public will similarly contribute to the Fund;

8. Invites the appropriate UN bodies, the Specialized Agencies, especially WHO, FAO, UNESCO and ILO and other competent international organizations, to co-operate fully in the planning and execution of programmes pertinent to the drug abuse problem in all its aspects on the understanding that additional resources for such programmes would, where needed and appropriate, be available from the Fund;

9. Recommends this resolution to the resumed 49th Session of the Economic and Social Council and through it to the 25th General Assembly for such action as may be necessary to ensure its successful implementation.

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