At its 853rd meeting on 22 February 1978, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs took the following decision:

(a) The Commission welcomes the General Assembly’s request, contained in its resolution 32/124, as presenting an opportunity for it to undertake a timely review of developments since the United Nations concerted action programme against drug abuse was launched six years ago, with a view to assessing the results achieved and identifying future strategy and new directions;

(b) The Commission decides to request its Officers, in consultation with its Steering Committee, with the assistance of the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the support of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, the International Narcotics Control Board and the appropriate specialized agencies of the United Nations, to prepare a working paper to serve as the basis of an in-depth discussion by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session in 1979;

(c) The Commission also decides to invite all Governments wishing to do so to communicate to the Secretary-General in writing, at the latest by 30 June 1978, any views they wish to be taken into account in the preparation of the working paper. It is furthermore understood that the paper will also take into account such views as may be expressed by delegations at the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council in 1978 during the Council’s discussion pursuant to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 32/124;

(d) Expenditure in the implementation of this decision would be appropriate for financing by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;

(e) The Commission’s decision to the foregoing effect should be included in its report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session in 1978.