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CND Res.4(XXIX). Measures against the abuse of drugs

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Noting the provision of article 38 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and of article 20 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971, as well as the responsibilities of Parties as set out in those articles,

Noting also paragraph 157 of the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1980,

Recalling previous resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs having a bearing on this matter,

Deeply concerned at growing evidence of the adverse health, social and economic consequences of drug abuse,

Aware of the pressing need to ensure that abuse of drugs does not become more widespread,

Recognizing that many Governments have committed important resources to increase action against the illicit traffic in drugs and to reduce further the illicit supply or manufacture of drugs,

Recognizing also that these measures will only succeed if accompanied by determined action to prevent or reduce illicit demand for drugs,

1. Recommends that Governments strengthen those measures already being taken in accordance with the provisions of the relevant articles of the international drug control treaties and in particular, speed up and intensify measures to identify the nature, extent and characteristics of illicit demand;
2. Further recommends that Governments, in addition to measures already being taken, give special attention to and take all practicable measures for the development of community-based programmes as a means of preventing abuse of drugs and as a basis for the early identification, treatment, after-care, rehabilitation and social reintegration of persons involved;
3. Urges the Secretary-General, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organisation and all other concerned international organizations and bodies to give high priority to the allocation of resources to assist Member States to achieve the above objectives;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments, specialized agencies and other international organizations and bodies concerned, inviting them to take appropriate action.

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