

Resolution 4 (XXXIV)

Coordination of international and regional drug law enforcement training and the use and further development of the United Nations drug law enforcement training manual*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/12 of 25 May 1988, in which the Council requested the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat, in cooperation with Member States, the Customs Co-operation Council, the International Criminal Police Organization and other interested organizations, to establish a long-term international training strategy for drug law enforcement,

Recognizing the progress achieved to date in the establishment of such a strategy,

Mindful of the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988, 1/ related to training,

Mindful of the urgent requirement to establish a focused and comprehensive drug law enforcement training strategy suited to the particular needs of each region and subregion,

Mindful also of the urgent need to secure adequate training facilities and services, to enhance the capacity of personnel and, in general, to upgrade the response of all drug law enforcement agencies and to improve countermeasures,

Directing attention to the variety of language groups found within many regions, as well as to the urgent need for those groups to combat the drug problem together,

Realizing that international cooperation is essential to the improvement of the professional qualifications of drug law enforcement personnel at the national level,

Recognizing that an enhanced level of international and regional cooperation in drug law enforcement is dependent on the adoption of compatible quality standards and strategies in training,

Considering the United Nations drug law enforcement training manual to be a milestone in the field of drug law enforcement that will provide States with a model and a set of guidelines reflecting the best practice, methods and techniques to be pursued,

* See paragraph 157 above.

Considering also that the manual will standardize training at an upgraded level, enhance specialized skills and improve cooperative drug law enforcement interaction and counteraction,

Recognizing, in particular, the important advisory role that experienced and well-equipped drug law enforcement agencies and institutions in each region could play in supporting training activities throughout that region,

Welcoming the programmes providing assistance in drug law enforcement professional training that are being carried out by a number of States,

1. Invites the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to convene working groups for each region where this has not already been done, ensuring the participation of States in the region representing the main language groups, of other international and regional organizations concerned with drug law enforcement training in the region and of donor States supporting such training in the region, for the purpose of developing a clear drug law enforcement training strategy for each region, which should include recommendations for the establishment of subregional drug law enforcement training centres and should be aimed at improving the professional qualifications of instructors working at regional and national training centres;

2. Recommends the establishment, based upon the drug law enforcement training strategy developed for each region, of subregional drug law enforcement training centres within specialized training schools that already have adequate facilities;

3. Invites the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue to develop and to coordinate subregional drug law enforcement training activities, in close cooperation with the Customs Co-operation Council, the International Criminal Police Organization and regional organizations concerned with drug law enforcement training;

4. Appeals to all States to intensify regional and bilateral cooperation in the field of drug law enforcement professional training;

5. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in close cooperation with the Customs Co-operation Council, the International Criminal Police Organization, regional organizations and other interested parties, as a matter of high priority:

(a) To disseminate and to promote the widest possible use of the United Nations drug law enforcement training manual at all levels and to intensify training activities based on its content;

(b) To develop the manual further to meet the varying training needs of regions and subregions;

(c) To update the manual continually and to develop supplementary, specialized drug law enforcement training material;

(d) To conduct research and impact studies on the use of the manual;

6. Invites the Customs Co-operation Council, the International Criminal Police Organization, regional organizations and other parties concerned, to work jointly with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the implementation of the present resolution.

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