

Resolution 6 (XXXIV)

Establishment of national drug coordinating units*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Aware of the importance of national drug coordinating units in the fight against illicit trafficking and drug abuse,

Considering the inadequate number of such units already established by member States to date,

Recognizing that the need for direction and support of these units at the political level is essential to their success,

Referring to the international drug control treaties and to recommendation 4 of resolution III adopted by the Second Interregional Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, held at Vienna from 11 to 15 September 1989, 1/

Recommends the following:

(a) The Government of each member State that has not yet done so should take the necessary measures to set up a national drug intelligence unit as a basis for coordinating operations against illicit drug trafficking;

(b) The coordinating units should be provided with adequate resources to function efficiently;

(c) Persons appointed to work in the coordinating units should be carefully selected and should remain in their posts as long as necessary in order to ensure continuity;

(d) Periodic consultations or annual meetings should be organized between the coordinating units at the subregional level;

(e) International assistance should be provided to Governments, at their request, in setting up the coordinating units in order to harmonize their mandates, scope of operations, terms of reference and objectives;

(f) All States should give the United Nations International Drug Control Programme details of the structure of their national coordinating units, including the names of current incumbents and the necessary contact data, for circulation to international agencies or organizations.

* See paragraph 157 above.

1/ E/CN.7/1990/2, chap. I.