

Resolution 9 (XXXV)

Monitoring of activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and policy guidance*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly, in its resolution 45/179 of 21 December 1990, underlined the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control issues,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1991/38 of 21 June 1991, entitled "Terms of reference of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs", called upon the Commission to give policy guidance to the new United Nations International Drug Control Programme and to monitor its activities,

Considering that it should decide how it wishes to fulfil the mandate given to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1991/38,

Considering also that, in view of the fact that it holds only one annual session, which lasts a maximum of eight working days, its work should be organized in a way that would allow sufficient time for a substantive exchange of views on key issues relating to recent developments in the illicit drug situation and their effect on activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme,

Convinced that a well-organized and properly focused general debate could also considerably facilitate a substantive exchange of such views during the sessions of the Commission,

1. Decides that, starting with the thirty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, under the agenda item entitled "General Debate":

(a) There shall be two sub-items, "General statements", devoted to introductory statements of a general nature, and "Substantive debate and conclusions";

(b) Practical steps shall be taken to limit the time devoted to the sub-item on general statements to four or five working meetings, including in particular:

- (i) Strict limitation of general statements to a maximum of ten minutes;
- (ii) A request to Governments to circulate, in advance of the session of the Commission, the text of those parts of their statements concerning national drug control policies;
- (iii) Early closing of the list of speakers;

(c) The sub-item on substantive debate and conclusions shall be covered at the end of the session and shall centre on a few significant themes introduced by the Chairman on the basis of the views expressed in the sub-item on general statements;

* See paragraph 204 above.

(d) The sub-item on substantive debate and conclusions shall lead to the adoption of a text reflecting the main concerns, appraisals and orientations of the Commission with regard to drug abuse issues and the activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme. This text, proposed by the Chairman in consultation with the extended bureau, shall constitute the introductory chapter of the report of the Commission and shall complement the resolutions and decisions of the Commission;

2. Appeals to delegates to contribute to the successful implementation of the present resolution by exercising restraint with regard to the length of their general statements and by participating actively in the substantive debate.