Resolution II (XXXV)

Cooperation between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Reaffirming that illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is a criminal activity that requires effective, concerted and multidisciplinary action at the national, regional and international level,

Recognizing that the scope of international cooperation in support of technical assistance programmes in all fields of drug abuse control and crime prevention and criminal justice should be extended and increased as a matter of urgency,

Bearing in mind that effective and concerted action and expanded international cooperation depend on improved coordination of all related drug control activities within the United Nations system in order to ensure the continuing relevance and responsiveness of the system to existing and emerging needs,

Alerted by the fact that large financial profits derived from criminal activity enable transnational criminal organizations to penetrate, contaminate and corrupt the structure of Governments, legitimate commercial activities and society at large, thereby impeding economic and social development, distorting the process of law and undermining the foundations of States,

Recalling the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, 1/

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions S-17/2 of 23 February 1990, 45/107, 45/121 and 45/123 of 14 December 1990 and 46/152 of 18 December 1991,

1. Welcome the establishment of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council;

2. Decide to cooperate actively with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and to continue coordination with the Commission on Social Development, the Commission on Transnational Corporations and other intergovernmental bodies, in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of United Nations activities in areas of mutual concern and interest;

3. Request the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to prepare suggestions on how cooperation could be most effectively realized, in particular with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and to submit them to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for consideration;

4. Request the Secretary-General to encourage cooperation and coordination with the bodies referred to in paragraph 2 above.

* See paragraph 205 above.