

Resolution 13 (XXXV)

Methodology to be followed by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme with reference to the approval by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the proposed budget estimates of the Fund*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Bearing in mind the new administrative and financial functions entrusted to it by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/185 C, section XVI, of 20 December 1991,

Recognizing the desirability of transparency in the budget process and the necessity of extending the dialogue between the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and Member States and observers, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of the Programme in combating production, consumption, manufacturing and trafficking of illicit drugs,

Acknowledging the need to base the budget of the programme of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the administrative and support costs budget of the Fund on the priority strategies outlined in the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session 1/ and in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 2/ and to assure a meaningful relationship between those strategies and the resulting budget submissions,

Having considered the note by the Secretariat on the programme of future work and priorities of the Commission, 3/ in particular, paragraphs 12 to 17 on the preparation of the budget estimates and the calendar of submissions from the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to the Commission for approval,

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed administrative and programme support costs of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, 4/

Considering the desirability of providing the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in line with General Assembly resolutions 45/179 of 21 December 1990 and 46/103 of 16 December 1991, all the necessary logistic support required to fulfil its mandate effectively,

1. Endorses the comments and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed administrative and programme support costs of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

2. Approves, as a temporary procedure, the proposal of the Executive Director to prepare the budget submissions of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme according to the following calendar, bearing in mind the need to fully synchronize the budget cycle of the Programme with that of the United Nations as a whole:

* See paragraph 215 above.

(a) In the first year of the biennium 1992-1993, the Programme would submit budget estimates for the biennium based on known income for the first year and on projections for the second;

(b) In the second year of the biennium 1992-1993, the Programme would submit revised budget estimates based on known expenditure and programme performance and delivery during the first year of the biennium and on known income for the second year. At the same time, projections for the first year of the biennium 1994-1995 are to be submitted by the Programme;

3. Decides that the documentation to be submitted by the Programme to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to assist it in carrying out its administrative and budgetary functions should include in future, on an experimental basis, descriptions of the following:

(a) The general criteria to be applied by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in the utilization of resources, taking into account the priorities and objectives of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session and the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, the nature, scope and complexity of the problems dealt with, and the relative needs of recipient countries;

(b) The goals and objectives of the programmes and operational activities covered in the budget, including indicators for the evaluation of expected results;

(c) Each trust fund created from voluntary contributions for specific purposes, with a clear definition of its purposes and limits in accordance with the draft financial rules of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

4. Decides to convene, without financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations, informal consultations at Vienna in the fourth quarter of 1992 to discuss revised budget estimates for 1993 with a view to ensuring the active involvement of member States of the Commission in the budget process and to facilitating approval of the revised budget estimates by the Commission at its thirty-sixth session;

5. Also decides to review the budget format and methodology at its thirty-seventh session and to consider any adjustments that may be required in the light of experience.

1/ General Assembly resolution S-17/2, annex, of 23 February 1990.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. II, paras. 28.1-28.54.

3/ E/CN.7/1992/12.

4/ E/CN.7/1992/12/Add.3