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1994/4. Encouraging States to detect the use of trade channels for illicit consignments at all stages of movement and promoting the use of advice and technical expertise provided by the Customs Cooperation Council and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Deeply concerned about the increase in the use of legitimate trade channels for the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recalling articles 7, 11 and 15 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,⁵ which provide for cooperation between appropriate authorities, including customs and commercial carriers, as well as for cooperation between law enforcement and judicial authorities,

Convinced of the need to use all resources available to identify illicit consignments of drugs at export or during transit and in all means of transport,

Recognizing the importance of the use of controlled delivery techniques and the need for international cooperation to that end,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/41 of 27 July 1993 on promoting the use of memoranda of understanding to facilitate cooperation between customs authorities and other competent administrations and the international trading community, including commercial carriers,

Recognizing the progress that has been made so far by States in detecting illicit consignments at export or during transit,

1. *Encourages* States to take all appropriate steps to ensure effective international customs cooperation within the framework of the existing conventions;
2. *Calls upon* States to encourage their customs administrations or other competent national authorities to apply effective measures aimed at identifying movements of illicit drugs, particularly before export and while in transit;
3. *Requests* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in cooperation with the Customs Cooperation Council, to provide advice and technical expertise to States in developing such measures.

⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.XI.6.