

Resolution 2 (XXXVIII)

Promoting projects and programmes that use involvement in sports as an effective measure to prevent drug abuse*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Noting with satisfaction the successful outcome of the International Conference "Sport against drugs", held at Rome on 20 and 21 February 1995 at the headquarters of the Italian National Olympic Committee, organized jointly by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the European Olympic Committees on behalf of the International Olympic Committee,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1993/35 of 27 July 1993, entitled "Demand reduction as part of balanced national strategic plans to combat drug abuse", stressed the importance of the development, by States, of comprehensive strategic plans to combat drug abuse and provide a focus for controlling the supply of, demand for and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Believing that sports can contribute to the prevention of drug abuse, as involvement in sports can benefit adolescents by protecting them from drug abuse, and that the influence of elite athletes on society can be used to spread anti-drug messages,

Noting the signing on 21 February 1995 of a cooperation agreement between the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the International Olympic Committee,

Acknowledging the final appeal of the International Conference "Sport against drugs", calling upon Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, international sports federations, national Olympic committees, athletes and citizens throughout the world to recognize that the world drug abuse situation is alarming, and that involvement in sports can greatly contribute to preventing drug abuse among young people by strengthening their personalities and self-esteem,

Noting the possibility, debated at the International Conference "Sport against drugs", of making use of the image and commitment of high-level athletes to make young people aware of the dangers of drug abuse, of promoting sport activities among marginalized youth in selected cities, and of introducing sport components in drug abuse prevention programmes already being undertaken by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in different States,

* See paragraph 55 above.

1. Invites the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to consider introducing, whenever appropriate, in its demand reduction and other ongoing programmes, a component on the use of sports to prevent drug abuse,

2. Also invites the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to draw up, in collaboration with the International Olympic Committee, the national Olympic committees and sports federations, a programme of work on the use of sports to prevent drug abuse and submit it to potential donor Governments and organizations with the request to provide the resources necessary to implement the programme of work;

3. Invites Governments and appropriate non-governmental organizations to consider mobilizing national sport authorities and organizations for the promotion of pilot programmes to benefit deprived youth;

4. Invites the Organizing Committee of the XXVI Olympic Games, to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America, in 1996, and the United States Olympic Committee to disseminate during the Games messages related to the use of sports to prevent drug abuse,

5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments for consideration and implementation.