

Resolution 3 (XXXVIII)

Women and drug abuse*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Noting that a collaborative effort of the United Nations system has uncovered the previously unrecognized dimension of female drug abuse problems in many parts of the world as well as the disproportional socio-economic burdens on women who bear the consequences of drug abuse among their family members,

Deeply concerned by the growing problems in many countries involving illicit drug abuse, drug trafficking and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection related to drug abuse among women and children in both developed and developing countries, in both rural and urban settings, affecting all socio-economic levels of those countries,

Aware of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995 and its draft Platform for Action, calling attention to strengthening prevention, treatment and social reintegration services for women affected by drug abuse,

Noting with appreciation the contribution resulting from the collaborative effort of the United Nations system in identifying the nature and extent of drug abuse and the problems that it poses for women, which cut across geographical and sociocultural distinctions and affect women directly as drug abusers in their roles within the family and the community and as workers in the field of drug abuse control,

Noting the particularly dangerous effects of dependence-producing substances during pregnancy, as well as the harmful behavioural and social consequences of drug abuse for the family, and the need for States to include accordingly in their national policies and programmes drug abuse prevention programmes that specifically concern women,

1. Urges States to recognize, assess and take into account in their national policies and programmes the problems that drug abuse poses for women;

2. Also urges States, in collaboration with non-governmental organizations, to develop and test activities to respond in an innovative way to the problems that drug abuse poses for women;

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