

Resolution 7 (XXXVIII)

Adherence of States to the international drug control conventions*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Aware of the fact that a number of countries have not yet become parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1953, 1/ that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, 2/ the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 3/ and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, 4/

Considering that the widest possible adherence to the international drug control conventions is essential to ensure the effectiveness of international efforts to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking,

Emphasizing the special importance of the consistent and effective implementation of the international drug control conventions,

Noting considerable changes within the international community as a result of the emergence of a number of newly independent States,

Noting further that the accession by those States, in their capacity as successor States, to the international drug control conventions would be in the interest of the world community,

Recognizing the need to intensify and coordinate efforts to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recalling the role of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in furnishing legal expertise to States on request,

1. Urges States that have not yet done so to become parties to, and effectively implement, the international drug control conventions, or, in the case of successor States, to confirm to the depositaries that they consider themselves to be bound by the obligations under those Conventions;

2. Recommends to Member States, whenever necessary, to seek the advice of the Secretary-General on matters relating to accession or succession to the international drug control conventions;

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

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 528, No. 7515.

2/ Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

3/ Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

4/ Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 25 November-20 December 1988, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.XI.5).