

Resolution 11 (XXXVIII)

Improvements in the United Nations System-Wide Action
Plan on Drug Abuse Control*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Reaffirming the leadership role of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as the main focus of concerted international action in matters relating to drug abuse control and as the international coordinator of drug control activities, especially within the United Nations system,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/12 of 23 October 1993, in which the Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to examine the status of international cooperation within the United Nations system against the illicit production, sale, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recalling also Assembly resolution 49/168, section IV, of 23 December 1994, on implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control,^{1/}

Recalling further Commission resolution 6 (XXXVII) of 20 April 1994 on improvements in the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control,

Recalling further Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development within the United Nations system,

Recognizing that the complexity of the drug abuse problem and its interrelationship with socio-economic development calls for concerted action by and close cooperation between States, the relevant United Nations entities and the international financial institutions,

Reaffirming the need to strengthen the catalytic role of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in engaging United Nations bodies and the international financial institutions in system-wide cooperation and coordination in order to maximize the impact of drug control activities,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on strengthening system-wide cooperation and coordination in drug control; ^{2/}

2. Takes note also of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report on further ways and means of improving system-wide cooperation and coordination by a team of

consultants pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 6 (XXXVII), and urges the Executive Director to take them into account, in particular by ensuring that the role and strategic objectives of the Programme are clearly articulated and fully understood by other United Nations entities and the international financial institutions;

3. Welcomes the establishment of the resource mobilization and inter-agency coordination office within the Programme, and invites the Executive Director to ensure that adequate resources be allocated to enable it to function efficiently;

4. Welcomes also the conclusions of the meeting of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, held on 28 February 1995, regarding international drug abuse control, and requests the Executive Director to pursue their rapid implementation, in particular by:

(a) Initiating a review process to strengthen and render operational the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, through the Subcommittee on Drug Abuse of the Committee;

(b) Promoting consultations between relevant organizations at the global, regional and subregional level;

(c) Elaborating, in cooperation with relevant agencies, of joint multi-agency sectoral or subsectoral plans of action for drug abuse control at the global, regional and subregional level;

(d) Assisting the Resident Coordinators in the creation, as soon as possible, of informal inter-agency groups designed to ensure that drug abuse control needs are assigned the necessary priority and addressed in a coordinated manner, particularly in the preparation of country strategy notes;

5. Requests the Executive Director actively to promote the incorporation of drug control master plans into country strategy notes;

6. Invites the Executive Director to pursue joint initiatives with relevant United Nations entities and with the international financial institutions to identify specific examples of programmes and projects with a potential for inputs by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

7. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council, at its regular session in 1995:

(a) Request relevant United Nations entities to take steps to ensure that drug abuse issues are taken fully into account in the elaboration and implementation of their programmes and projects;

(b) Urge the international financial institutions fully to cooperate with the United Nations International Drug Control

Programme, and to strengthen their support to other organizations and countries concerned in the field of drug abuse control and related matters;

(c) Invite the regional commissions of the United Nations to give particular attention to drug control issues;

8. Calls on States to support the efforts of the Executive Director by;

(a) Promoting, in the governing bodies of other United Nations entities and the international financial institutions, the inclusion of a drug control dimension in their activities;

(b) Engaging in a dialogue on drug abuse control at the field level with the multilateral development institutions;

9. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-ninth session on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution, in conjunction with the biennial update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, including the results of the joint initiatives referred to in paragraph 6 above;

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

1/ E/1990/39 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

2/ E/CN./1995/15/Add.1.