

Resolution 12 (XXXVIII)

Scientific and technical cooperation in the control of drug abuse and illicit trafficking\*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/35 of 27 July 1993, in which the Council expressed its deep concern about the continuing threat posed by the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances to the health and welfare of mankind, to the political, economic, social and cultural structure of communities, and to the stability of States and nations,

Noting Council resolution 1994/3 of 20 July 1994, in which it requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and with the assistance of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, to review, within existing resources, information systems within the ambit of the information strategy requested by the Council in its resolution 1988/9 of 25 May 1988, in order to make such drug-related information systems more clearly focused and prioritized to meet the needs of policies aimed at combating the illicit demand for and supply of drugs,

Deeply concerned about the undermining of trust and respect between States and peoples of the world, the psychological damage to individuals and communities and the serious economic consequences arising from the illicit trafficking in and abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recognizing the fact that new scientific and technological capabilities and methods for detection, determination of illicit trafficking routes, identification and quantification of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, rapid exchange and analysis of information, as well as research in the field of investigative and control techniques, have an essential role to play in the implementation of both demand and supply reduction strategies,

Taking into account the views expressed by States and organizations represented at the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-eighth session,

1. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to consider what expertise and resources are needed to improve and strengthen the scientific and technological capabilities for effectively combating the illicit trafficking in and abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in all regions of the world;

2. Urges the Executive Director to consult with relevant international organizations and national authorities in strengthening existing measures in the area of law enforcement and demand reduction;

3. Requests the Executive Director to report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission at its thirty-ninth session.