

Resolution 13 (XXXVIII)

Status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances\*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/12 of 28 October 1993, in which the Assembly requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, with the support of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and in cooperation with the International Narcotics Control Board, to monitor and evaluate action taken to implement the international drug control instruments, with a view to identifying areas of satisfactory progress and weakness,

Recalling its resolution 3 (XXXVII) of 21 April 1994, in which it established the methodology that it wished to follow in response to the request of the General Assembly contained in Assembly resolution 48/12,

Noting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/12, 1/ the reports of subsidiary bodies 2/ and the special supplement to the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1994, 3/

Aware of the continuing need to strengthen whenever possible all forms of international solidarity and cooperation in the fight against abuse of drugs,

1. Recognizes that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 4/ and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 5/ have generally achieved the objectives for which they were intended and invites States to consider the recommendations in the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/12 for further strengthening and streamlining their control mechanisms;

2. Decides to examine, in accordance with its mandate under the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, 6/ specific aspects, where appropriate, of the operation of that Convention within the framework of its existing agenda;

3. Calls for universal adherence to the international drug control treaties before the end of the United Nations Decade against Drug Abuse and for full implementation of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, 7/ on 23 February 1990, and the

Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control; 8/

4. Emphasizes that all issues identified in paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 48/12 require priority attention by Governments, relevant international organizations and specialized agencies;

5. Invites States and relevant bodies to give due consideration to the recommendations in the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/12 and in the reports of the subsidiary bodies, and to apply them where appropriate;

6. Requests Member States to review their implementation of paragraph 5 of the present resolution and inform the Executive Director, before 1 December 1995, of their findings, together with their views on the relevance and adequacy of the recommendations contained in his report;

7. Requests the Executive Director, on the basis of the information obtained pursuant to paragraph 6 above, to further elaborate and refine the recommendations for submission to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-ninth session, and subsequently to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

8. Invites the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to consider applying those recommendations which can be implemented within the framework of existing resources and current mandates;

9. Underlines the importance of developing demand reduction strategies, including the drafting of guiding principles on demand reduction, and invites the Economic and Social Council to examine the resolutions adopted on that issue by the Commission at its thirty-eighth session;

10. Decides to keep under consideration the proposal of convening an international conference to review progress made by Governments and the United Nations system in combating drug abuse and illicit trafficking;

11. Stresses the need for strong political and financial commitment by Member States to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

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

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1/ E/CN.7/1995/14.

2/ E/CN.7/1995/9.

3/ E/INCB/1994/1/Supp.1.

4/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 520, No. 7515.

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

6/ 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).

7/ See resolution S-17/2, annex.

8/ Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect.A.