

Chapter XIV

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION
AT ITS THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

187. The Commission, at its thirty-ninth session, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution 1 (XXXIX)

Scientific and technical cooperation in the control of
drug abuse and illicit trafficking: development of
drug profiling/signature analysis in support of a
scientific approach to law enforcement*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Concerned about the increasing involvement of intermediaries in major cases of diversion and attempted diversion of psychotropic substances and precursors,

Recognizing laboratory impurity analysis as a means of assisting law enforcement by providing valuable information pertaining to drug sources and to new and established drug-trafficking routes and distribution patterns,

Recognizing the worldwide increase in the number of clandestine laboratories using a variety of precursors and raw materials to process and manufacture drugs that are subject to international control,

Also recognizing the growing need for international cooperation in identifying sources, trafficking routes and distribution patterns of illicit drugs,

Taking note of the report of the consultative meeting on chemical characterization/profiling of drug seizures, held at Vienna in 1992,

Recalling its resolution 12 (XXXVIII) of 23 March 1995 and section II, paragraph 12, of General Assembly resolution 50/148 of 21 December 1995,

1. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to develop standard protocols and methods for the profiling/signature of key narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

2. Also requests the Executive Director to identify and designate regional collaborating laboratories to ensure liaison with the Programme and the provision of advice and assistance, including reference services for standards and training, to national laboratories in drug profiling/signature analysis;

* See paragraph 46 above.

3. Further requests the Executive Director to develop a mechanism for regular exchange of seized samples and relevant data between the laboratory of the Programme, regional collaborating laboratories and national laboratories;

4. Invites Governments to provide to the Programme samples and data relating to drug profiling/signature analysis, and to describe the methodology involved;

5. Requests the Executive Director to develop the programme of technical assistance relating to drug profiling/signature analysis in consultation with interested Governments, particularly those of developing countries, taking into account their specific needs in this field, and requests the Executive Director to report on the matter to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fortieth session.