

Resolution 4 (XXXIX)

Establishment of a regional mechanism for the exchange of information, experience, training and ideas on demand reduction\*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Noting that, at its thirty-eighth session, it had recognized the need specifically to consider demand reduction and to focus on primary and secondary prevention of illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Taking note of the deliberations of the subregional expert forums, at which appeals were made for further meetings to maintain the momentum in demand reduction,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/35 of 27 July 1993,

Noting that in response to its appeal, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme has so far organized six subregional expert forums on demand reduction,

Recalling its decision to examine the results of subregional conferences on demand reduction,

Recognizing the importance and usefulness of forums on demand reduction and the need to hold such meetings on a regular basis,

1. Appreciates the efforts already undertaken by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in cooperation with other international bodies, to organize forums on demand reduction;

2. Invites Member States to take the necessary steps to draw up national plans on demand reduction which would be balanced with programmes on supply reduction;

3. Reiterates its invitation to Governments to consider exchanging results of the assessment and analysis of the drug situation and knowledge of the causes and consequences of drug abuse;

4. Invites Member States to give possible consideration to creating a better understanding of the consequences of drug abuse, especially in the workplace;

5. Invites Member States to enhance primary and secondary prevention programmes directed at youth, who are the group most at risk, including the establishment of national committees on "Sports against drugs";

6. Requests the Executive Director of the Programme to consider organizing forums on demand reduction at the regional level, the agendas of which could include items dealing with the

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\* See paragraph 75 above.

sharing of expertise, information on demand reduction, treatment and training arrangements, developing national databases and cooperation with law enforcement agencies in the region, and to examine the possibility of parallel but separate meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies.

7. Requests the Executive Director to develop appropriate indicators for assessing the usefulness of such forums;

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