

Resolution 6 (XXXIX)

Consideration of national master plans*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Alarmed that drug abuse and illicit production of, and trafficking in, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are threatening the health and well-being of millions of persons, youth in particular, in all countries of the world,

Deeply concerned by the enormous costs incurred by Governments in combating the drug problem, by the irreparable damage to human lives caused by drug abuse, and by the threat posed by acts of violence arising therefrom to the social, political and economic structures of most countries of the world,

Recognizing the economic power of criminal organizations engaged in the production, trafficking and distribution of drugs, their precursors and essential chemicals, which usually places them beyond the reach of the law,

Also recognizing the need for Governments, the United Nations and all other relevant national, regional and international organizations to give higher priority to combating drug abuse and the illicit production of, and trafficking in, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Welcoming the efforts of the international community and the unflinching commitment assumed at the highest level by heads of State or Government substantially to increase efforts towards achieving coordinated action and to set priorities in the international fight against drug abuse and the illicit production of, and trafficking in, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Acknowledging the responsibility of Governments for alleviating poverty, reducing the dependence of their citizens on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and enforcing legal measures against narcotic drugs in accordance with international drug control instruments,

Believing that the magnitude of the drug menace requires the continuous formulation of new and comprehensive strategies and objectives, as well as enhanced international cooperation, irrespective of issues of State sovereignty, to deal more effectively with it,

Stressing the need for consistency in efforts by States and relevant international organizations to implement existing drug control instruments,

1. Renews its commitment to strengthen international cooperation and substantially to increase its efforts to combat the illicit production, sale, demand, trafficking and distribution of

* See paragraphs 120 and 121 above.

narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, based on the principle of shared responsibility;

2. Reaffirms the leadership role of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as the main focus for concerted international action for drug abuse control and as international coordinator of drug-control activities, particularly within the United Nations system;

3. Calls upon States to take all necessary steps to implement the recommendations contained in the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, 1/ on 23 February 1990, at the national, regional and international levels, and to develop and implement comprehensive national drug-control strategies;

4. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue assisting Member States in the development, implementation and evaluation of national drug-control master plans and reporting to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, where appropriate;

5. Also stresses the need to build national capacities in the countries concerned, and invites the Programme to coordinate the use of existing regional forums to share experience relating to the development, implementation and evaluation of national drug-control master plans;

6. Invites the Executive Director of the Programme to report to the Commission at its fortieth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution;

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

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