

Resolution 9 (XXXIX)

Measures to enhance subregional, regional and global cooperation in drug control in western and central Asia\*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the programmes of cooperation undertaken by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in various regions pursuant to its mandate under General Assembly resolution 45/179 of 21 December 1990 to serve as the main focus for concerted international drug abuse control,

Recognizing the need to strengthen regional cooperation in drug control in order to maximize the impact of United Nations drug-related activities and to ensure their consistency and coordination with national efforts in combating the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and related activities,

Aware of the need for a more comprehensive, integrated and collaborative approach to control the supply of, and demand for, all drug of abuse, in close cooperation with relevant organizations in the United Nations system and other regional and international organizations,

Recalling that the General Assembly in various resolutions has recommended that special attention should be given to the implementation of alternative development programmes and projects as an effective mechanism for supply reduction,

Concerned that illicit production of, demand for and trafficking in narcotic drugs are taking on new dimensions that threaten social, economic and political conditions in the affected countries and areas,

Deeply concerned about the continuing production of narcotic drugs in some countries of south-west Asia, and about its impact on all countries in the region,

Welcoming the progress achieved by the Programme in the development and implementation of regional strategies through close cooperation with regional and subregional organizations, including the memorandum of understanding between the Programme and the Economic Cooperation Organization signed on 15 March 1995, as well as various other memoranda of understanding between the Programme and subregional organizations and groups of countries,

Appreciating the continuing implementation of the project for strengthening law enforcement capacities in border areas under memoranda of understanding between the Programme and some countries of south-west Asia,

1. Invites all States and relevant regional organizations to strengthen their efforts to cooperate with the United Nations

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\* See paragraph 151 above.

International Drug Control Programme in the development and implementation of regional strategies;

2. Urges the Programme and donor countries to continue to provide technical assistance and alternative development programmes to affected countries of south-west Asia in order to eliminate the cultivation of illicit crops from which drugs are extracted;

3. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and donor countries to consider providing technical assistance in the development of special programmes, through bilateral and multilateral arrangements, for transit States in subregions affected by drug trafficking, and to consider further supporting their efforts to eliminate the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and chemical precursors through their territories, by extending to other countries of south-west Asia and to member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States in central Asia the ongoing project designed to strengthen law enforcement in border areas of south-west Asia;

4. Underlines the need for implementation of alternative development and crop substitution programmes designed to eliminate the production of illicit drugs, particularly in drug-affected countries of the region, with the assistance of regional and other interested States and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

5. Requests the Programme, in the implementation of the present resolution, to seek the assistance of donor countries and to encourage various multilateral development banks and international financial institutions to continue the flow of assistance designed to enable countries producing drugs or affected by the drug problem to implement supply reduction programmes;

6. Underscores the need for States in the region to continue to undertake strong drug-control efforts, including elimination of illicit drug crops.

7. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fortieth session on the status of implementation of the present resolution;

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