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CND Res.42/4. Guidelines for reporting by Governments on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action and on the progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008, as set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session *

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

establishing an international network for monitoring the cultivation of illicit crops;

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1953, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, ¹⁹ the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, ²⁰ and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, ²¹

Aware of the need to establish adequate procedures to fulfil the mandates assigned to it with regard to the examination of reports submitted in accordance with the above-mentioned treaties,

Recalling the Political Declaration, ²² the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, ²³ and the measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem, ²⁴ adopted at the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, on 10 June 1998,

Recalling also the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, ²⁵ on 23 February 1990, devoted to the question of international cooperation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly, in paragraph 20 of the Political Declaration adopted at its twentieth special session, called upon all States to take into account the outcome of that session when formulating national strategies and programmes and to report biennially to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on their efforts to meet the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008, as set out in the Political Declaration, and requested the Commission to analyse those reports in order to enhance the cooperative effort to combat the world drug problem,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 53/115, of 9 December 1998, in which the Assembly requested the Commission and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to elaborate guidelines in order to facilitate reporting by Governments on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action and progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008, as set out in the Political Declaration of the special session, and to have an efficient collection of reliable data, increase the number of Governments that report updated information on a regular basis, improve the quality of their responses and avoid the duplication of activities,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the guidelines for reporting on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action and on the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, ²⁶ the report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session ²⁷ and the report of the intergovernmental working group on the elaboration of an action plan for the implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, ²⁸

Stressing the need for an expeditious national and international implementation of the goals and targets

agreed in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

1. Decides to establish an inter-sessional working group, within available resources, open to all States members of the Commission and observers, to elaborate guidelines in order to facilitate reporting by Governments on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, and on progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008, as set out in the Political Declaration of the twentieth special session;

2. Requests the working group to submit to the Commission, for consideration and adoption at its reconvened forty-second session, unified draft guidelines based, in particular, on the following general criteria:

(a) The need to design a mechanism that will allow the Commission to comply fully with the provisions of paragraph 20 of the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session and with Assembly resolution 53/115, by, inter alia, analysing the national reports and any regional and subregional reports in a productive and effective manner;

(b) Full recognition of the mandates assigned to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board under the international drug control treaties, the Global Programme of Action and the decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session;

(c) Full recognition of the tasks assigned to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in its capacity as secretariat of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in particular the compilation and analysis of information submitted by Governments and the preparation of reports requested by the Commission and the General Assembly;

(d) The need to design a simple and efficient system of reporting by Governments that will encourage a greater number to report, in a coordinated and integrated way, on their efforts and achievements in the area of drug control, avoiding, to the extent possible, duplication of efforts, by duly taking into account existing reporting procedures, in particular within the framework of the International Narcotics Control Board and regional mechanisms;

(e) The advisability of reviewing the questionnaire on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action, in order to reflect the outcome of the twentieth special session;

(f) Full recognition that, in paragraph 9 of the Political Declaration, the General Assembly called for the establishment or strengthening of regional or subregional mechanisms, with the assistance of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the International Narcotics Control Board, and invited those mechanisms to share experiences and conclusions resulting from the implementation of national strategies and to report on their activities to the Commission;

3. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/115, to provide all necessary support to the inter-sessional working group, including suggestions on the guidelines on reporting, so that it can fully perform its tasks.

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*/ For the discussion, see chap. II, para. 26.

19/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 976, No. 14152.

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

21/ 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)

22/ General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.

23/ General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.

24/ General Assembly resolution S-20/4, A to E.

25/ General Assembly resolution S-17/2, annex.

26/ E/CN.7/1999/2.

27/ E/CN.7/1999/4.

28/ E/CN.7/1999/7, annex.
