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**CND Res.42/5. International action to mitigate the effects of the relationship
between drug abuse, illicit trafficking and conflict situations**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the continuing importance of the Political Declaration and Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session,1/ on 23 February 1990, as well as the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, adopted at its twentieth special session,2/ on 10 June 1998,

Fully aware that the international community is confronted with the problem of conflict and war in some parts of the world, especially in Africa and Asia, and with the threat to civil society posed by illicit drugs,

Recognizing in certain circumstances the strong interrelationship between armed conflict, the abuse of illicit drugs, terrorism, transnational crime, money-laundering and the illicit arms trade,

Realizing that in some regions of the world, illicit drug traffickers take advantage of the situation in strife-torn countries to expand their illicit trade, and use money acquired illegally to initiate and sustain conflicts and wars,

Acknowledging that in conflict situations the abuse of illicit drugs is widespread among soldiers and the population, and especially among child victims,

Concerned that demand for, production of and trafficking in illicit drugs and psychotropic substances continue to seriously threaten the socioeconomic and political systems, stability, national security and sovereignty of an increasing number of States, especially those involved in conflicts and wars, and that trafficking in drugs could make conflict resolution more difficult,

Aware that self-medication or long-term prescriptions by medical personnel in treating victims of conflict and war may lead to drug dependence,

Reaffirming 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 the international coordinator of drug control activities, especially within the United Nations system,

Stressing the importance of the measures already taken to reduce the demand for, production of and trafficking in illicit drugs, especially during conflicts and wars,

Convinced of the continuing need to strengthen the measures already taken to reduce the demand for, production of and trafficking in illicit drugs, especially during conflicts and wars,

1. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, when implementing the global drug abuse assessment programme, to pay particular attention to the issue of abuse of and trafficking in illicit drugs during conflicts, with a view to determining the need for assistance for soldiers and the population, especially children who are victims of drug abuse;

2. Also requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, when implementing the global drug abuse assessment programme, in conjunction with other relevant United Nations

organizations:

(a) To assess the relationship between illicit drugs, conflicts, wars, transnational crime, terrorism, money-laundering and the illicit arms trade;

(b) To analyse their findings and propose appropriate measures to counter the adverse impact of illicit drugs on those involved in conflicts and wars.

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

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