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**CND Res.42/9. United Nations Vienna Civil Society Award**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling that the medium-term plan of the United Nations for the period 1998-2001 seeks to respond, on a priority basis, to the emerging challenges of drug control, crime prevention and terrorism,

Recalling also that the Secretary-General has designated Vienna as the centre of the United Nations fight against uncivil society,

Convinced that civil society, including non-governmental organizations, can make an effective contribution to, and should play an active role in, addressing the serious problems of drug abuse, crime and terrorism, and that it should continue to promote awareness of those issues,

Wishing to recognize and encourage the vital efforts of individuals and civil society in the battle against drug abuse, crime and terrorism,

Recognizing the special significance of establishing an award to honour those who have assisted in United Nations efforts aimed at curbing the actions of uncivil society and to reward outstanding contributions in fostering justice and social progress,

Acknowledging the prominent and supportive role of Austria, as the host country of the United Nations Office at Vienna, and of the city of Vienna,

1. Welcomes the joint initiative of the United Nations Office at Vienna, the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the United Nations Secretariat, the host Government of Austria and the city of Vienna in establishing the United Nations Vienna Civil Society Award to honour individuals, institutions and organizations for their outstanding contributions in the fight against drug abuse, crime and terrorism;
2. Notes that the annual award will consist of an award medal, an award certificate and prize money to be funded from voluntary contributions raised by the co-sponsors of the award;
3. Notes also that the selection committee for the United Nations Vienna Civil Society Award will be composed of the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, a representative of the Government of Austria, the mayor and governor of the city and province of Vienna, and a limited number of other eminent persons representing the major geographic regions of the world, including the chairmen of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

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