continue to take the necessary steps to give effect to the provisions of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power in cooperation with United Nations entities and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

5. Invites the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to consider at its tenth session the report of the working group of experts and the report of the Secretary-General.

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together, held in New York from 8 to 10 June 1998, reaffirmed the unwavering determination and commitment of Member States to overcoming the world drug problem through domestic and international strategies to reduce both the illicit supply of and the demand for drugs, and recognized that action against the world drug problem is a common and shared responsibility requiring an integrated and balanced approach with full respect for the sovereignty of States, 70

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in its resolution 53/202 of 17 December 1998, decided to designate its fifty-fifth session as “The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations” and to convene a Millennium Summit of the United Nations,

Noting that the Secretary-General, in response to the need to address persistent problems efficiently and effectively and to deal with the emerging trends and challenges of the future, identified drug control as one of the overall priorities of work for the United Nations in its medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001, 71

Noting with grave concern that the drug problem is a global challenge involving tens of millions of victims abusing drugs worldwide and causing massive social and health difficulties, as well as undermining economies,

Aware that drug trafficking and abuse have an impact on many key areas of United Nations activities,

Recognizing the need for Governments to implement comprehensive measures to follow up the work of the General Assembly at its twentieth special session and to monitor their implementation,

Emphasizing the important role of the international community in mobilizing efforts to give effect to its commitment to drug control as an integral part of the United Nations overall programme for the new millennium,

Noting the forthcoming publication of the new World Drug Report,

1. Invites the General Assembly to include the world drug problem as an item in the agenda of the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations and of the Millennium Summit of the United Nations to be held from 6 to 8 September 2000;

2. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to inform the Secretary-General of the contents of the present resolution in the light of the preparations being undertaken for the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations and the Millennium Summit of the United Nations.

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2000/17. Promotion of the design of national and regional prevention programmes through an interdisciplinary approach

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, 72

Bearing in mind the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, 73 and in particular the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, 74

Stressing the need for interdisciplinary teams to promote national and regional prevention programmes, taking into account the specificities and distinguishing features of each region and country, with the aim of promoting health and individual and social well-being and raising awareness, through positive messages, of the consequences of drug abuse with regard to the achievement of that aim,

Noting the need for exchange of information on efforts in this field to ensure the effectiveness of international cooperation and solidarity,

70 See General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.
73 General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.
74 General Assembly resolution 54/132, annex.