CND Res.44/9. Illicit drug traffic and related matters in the Near and Middle East*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Deeply concerned by the continuing abuse of and trafficking in narcotic drugs in the Near and Middle East, and taking note of the report of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East on its thirty-fifth session, held in Antalya, Turkey, from 26 to 30 June 2000, and, in particular, its resolutions on international cooperation for the control of narcotic drugs, on control of trade in acetic anhydride, and on enhancing regional cooperation on drug control through training,

Convinced that the above-mentioned resolutions adopted during the Subcommission will promote more effective action against drug trafficking in the Near and Middle East,

Recalling Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 43/9 on control of precursor chemicals, in which interested Governments, regional and international organizations and the International Narcotics Control Board were encouraged to consider appropriate initiatives targeting acetic anhydride,

Recalling that training is essential for drug control efforts to improve the capabilities of, and promote direct cooperation between, law enforcement agencies,

Recognizing that control of narcotic drugs is a shared responsibility of all States and that, pursuant thereto, coordinated action within the framework of international cooperation is necessary,

1. Invites the Secretary-General to inform all Member States, relevant specialized agencies and other entities of the United Nations system and inter-governmental organizations of the resolutions adopted by the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East;

2. Commends the initiative of countries that are major manufacturers, traders and countries of transit of acetic anhydride, that have seized acetic anhydride and that are located in areas where illicit manufacture of heroin is taking place, as well as the International Narcotics Control Board, in developing and implementing an intensive proactive international programme to monitor the trade in acetic anhydride, known as Operation Topaz, in response to resolution S-20/4 B on control of precursors, adopted by the General Assembly on 10 June 1998 at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together;

3. Urges States to take appropriate action to control trade in acetic anhydride, in accordance with the measures adopted by the General Assembly, at its twentieth special session, in resolution S-20/4 B, and to provide active support to Operation Topaz;

4. Welcomes the opening, in Ankara on 26 June 2000, of the Turkish International Academy against Drugs and Organized Crime, which will operate as a regional training centre under the auspices of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

5. Requests the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat, drawing on available voluntary contributions and donor countries, to extend sustained assistance to the Turkish International Academy against Drugs and Organized Crime, and invites regional Governments to make use of its
services.

/* For the discussion, see chap. V, para. 111.

34/ UNDCP/SUBCOM/2000/6.

35/ E/CN.7/2001/5/Add.1, chap. II.