The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Concerned about the threat posed by the increasing illicit cultivation, production and consumption of and trafficking in narcotic drugs in south-west Asia,

Convinced that effective regional cooperation to counteract this threat is desirable and necessary,

Taking fully into account the recommendations of the high-level appraisal mission to Turkey undertaken by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme from 31 October to 7 November 1999, in which the mission stated that an international law enforcement academy should be set up in Turkey to support the regional strategy against the heroin route to Europe, to provide training to the agencies of the countries of the region in combating the illicit drug trade and to be a resource in developing cooperation,

Bearing in mind that such a training academy will contribute to regional drug control efforts by improving the capabilities of law enforcement agencies and promoting direct connections between them,

1. Welcomes the opening of the Turkish International Academy against Drugs and Organized Crime in Ankara on 26 June 2000 by the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat;

2. Commends the Government of Turkey, the Government of the United States of America and the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention for their cooperation in and contribution to the establishment of the Academy;

3. Urges other donor countries to support the Academy and to contribute to its functioning;

4. Urges the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, to the extent possible, to extend systematic and sustained assistance to the Academy, with a view to maintaining international expertise and the provision of training;

5. Appeals to all Governments, in particular those of States of the Near and Middle East, to participate in and provide support for activities related to the Academy in order to ensure the success of regional drug control and to give impetus to the efforts of the international community in combating drug trafficking.

*/* For the discussion, see chap. V, para. 113.