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**CND Res.44/16. Strengthening the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body\***

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Reiterating* that action against the world drug problem is a shared responsibility that requires an integrated and balanced approach,

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together, conferred additional mandates on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and strengthened both its role as the global forum for international cooperation in combating the world drug problem and its functions as the governing body of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and as treaty organ,

*Aware* of the need to promote a regular dialogue between Member States and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the planning and execution of the drug control programmes, taking into account the priorities of Member States, in order to secure their feasibility and success,

*Recalling* that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1999/30 of 28 July 1999, recommends that a sufficient share of the regular budget of the United Nations be allocated to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to enable it to fulfil its mandates,

*Noting* with concern that the low level of contributions to the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme has adverse consequences for the ability of the Programme to fulfil its mandates and to respond to emerging priority needs,

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 46/185 C of 20 December 1991, established the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and expanded the mandate of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to enable it to function as the governing body of the Programme,

*Recalling also* that the Council, in its resolution 1999/30, recommended measures to strengthen the United Nations machinery for international drug control,

1. *Encourages* strengthened dialogue between Member States and the Secretariat on the priorities and management of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, and requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to facilitate that process through thorough and timely preparation of the operational segment of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and of regular inter-sessional meetings of the Commission;
2. *Decides* to use a sufficient number of meetings during the inter-sessional period to examine all the components of the normative and operational segments of its programme of work at the preparatory stage and to enhance its capacity to provide policy guidance to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme at its regular session;
3. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to convene informal joint meetings, at regular intervals, of donor and recipient countries on the planning and formulation of the operational activities of the Programme, including projects, taking into account the

priorities of all Member States concerned;

4. *Decides* that the Commission should, in close cooperation with the Executive Director and donor and recipient countries, identify thematic areas and geographical regions that require the special attention of the Programme to ensure the implementation, on the basis of an integrated and balanced approach, of the mandates established by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to present all reports and background information to the States members of the Commission early enough to enable them to prepare to take an active part in, and make a valuable contribution to, the deliberations of the Commission, including at inter-sessional meetings;

6. *Recommends* that the Commission use the resources of the bureau to advance its organizational work to enable it to devote more time to the substantive discussion of the normative and operational segments of its programme of work at the inter-sessional meetings;

7. *Encourages* the efforts of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to take appropriate measures, in line with Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/20 of 28 July 2000 and other relevant resolutions and policies, within existing resources, to ensure and report on the implementation of independent, open and impartial evaluations of the operational activities of the Programme, including, *inter alia*, through the participation of recipients and external experts;

8. *Takes note* with interest of the statement made by the Executive Director on management issues, at the opening of the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and encourages the Executive Director to continue his efforts to maximize the effectiveness of the organization;

9. *Welcomes* the early implementation, within existing resources, of the planned system of financial management to allow the Programme and Member States to assess the cost, impact and effectiveness of the operational activities of the Programme in an open manner and to contribute to the implementation of results-based budgeting;

10. *Calls for* continued improvement in management and a strengthened dialogue with Member States so as to contribute to enhanced and sustainable programme delivery;

11. *Urges* all Governments to provide, to the fullest extent possible, financial support to the Programme and requests the Executive Director to continue his efforts, in cooperation with Member States, to broaden the donor base and increase voluntary contributions to the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, including the general-purpose fund;

12. *Requests* the Executive Director to present a preliminary report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its reconvened forty-fourth session and a final report at its forty-fifth session.

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\* For the discussion, see chap. VIII, para. 164.

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