CND Res.45/13. Optimizing systems for collecting information and identifying the best practices to counter the demand for illicit drugs

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling that, in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, Member States recognized that action against the world drug problem was a common and shared responsibility requiring an integrated and balanced approach,

Reaffirming the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

Recalling the commitment by Member States to introduce into their national programmes and strategies the provisions set out in the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,

Recalling also that the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction is offered as guidance to Member States in implementing their commitments and that the role of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, as outlined in the Action Plan, is to provide guidance and assistance and set up a database on national drug control strategies, to provide assistance on the establishment of national information systems for monitoring the drug abuse problem, including regionally and internationally recognized core indicators, and to facilitate the sharing of information on best strategies,

Taking note of the framework developed by the Secretariat for ensuring that programmes and projects for the reduction of illicit drug demand fully address the challenges detailed in the Action Plan,

Recalling its resolution 42/11, in which it decided to submit a report to the General Assembly in the year 2003 on the progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration,

Bearing in mind the follow-up mechanism, established in its resolution 42/11, for examining progress made in implementing the action plans and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

Taking note of the consolidated first biennial report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly,

Stressing the need for reliable and comparable data enabling an objective assessment of the nature and magnitude of the drug abuse problem, as a basis both for the development of countermeasures and for the evaluation of the progress made and the role played by the annual reports questionnaire and the biennial reports questionnaire in implementing the action plans and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

Recalling its resolution 44/3, in which it called upon States to review the mechanism by which data for part II of the annual reports questionnaire were being collated and submitted and to consider designating a technical focal point for assisting in the collation of the data,

1. Calls upon Member States to redouble their efforts in 2002 so as to provide timely and comprehensive replies to the annual reports questionnaire and the biennial reports questionnaire so that a careful and meaningful analysis can be made in the review of the progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets for 2003 set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, and encourages Member States to ensure that they fully report the available data and involve their appropriate technical agencies and governmental departments in the preparation of their replies to the questionnaires;
2. Calls upon the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to summarize, in a series of papers to be presented to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-sixth session, the current state of implementation of activities for the reduction of demand for illicit drugs throughout the world, incorporating flexible guidelines on best practices and taking into account cultural specificities;

3. Also calls upon the Executive Director to prepare, for consideration by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-sixth session, a costed programme of work for the period 2003-2008, based on the strategic framework for the implementation of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, with the aim of:

   (a) Improving national and global information systems for reporting on activities for the reduction of demand for illicit drugs;

   (b) Facilitating the sharing of information on best practices in activities for the reduction of demand for illicit drugs;

   (c) Supporting Member States seeking expertise in developing their own strategies and activities for the reduction of demand for illicit drugs;

4. Calls upon Member States to promote the active participation of individuals at the community level in general in identifying specific needs, formulating sound policies and evaluating the abuse of illicit substances;

5. Encourages the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to promote mechanisms to ensure that information utilized in formulating policies for the reduction of demand for illicit drugs is clear, valid, reliable and comprehensive and can be collected at low cost so that it is accessible to all Member States;

6. Encourages Member States, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and relevant international and regional organizations to foster the exchange of information among themselves by looking at ways to develop a systematic mechanism to identify information, especially best practices in activities for the reduction of demand for illicit drugs and, where possible, to provide access to that information via the Internet and similar mechanisms;

7. Requests the Executive Director to continue to strengthen the Global Assessment Programme on Drug Abuse in order to develop minimum methodological criteria that make possible the collection and comparison of data at the national and international levels and to submit to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-sixth session a report on progress achieved in that regard;

8. Exhorts the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and regional organizations to provide to States, upon request, advice on methods of collecting information on the abuse of illicit substances that are different from the methods used in household surveys;

9. Calls upon Member States to cooperate with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in taking the action described in the present resolution;

10. Urges Member States to consider making contributions for projects for the reduction of illicit drug demand included in the programme of work for the period 2003-2008 to be developed pursuant to paragraph 3 above.

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44/ General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.
45/ General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.
46/ General Assembly resolution 54/132, annex.
47/ E/CN.7/2001/16.