CND Res.45/16. Illicit drug supply and trafficking in Arab States

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling that, in paragraph 5 of the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session,52 States Members agreed to increase their efforts and resources in order to intensify the international cooperation and concerted action, based on the principle of collective responsibility, including the necessary cooperation and assistance to affected States, when requested, in the economic, health, social, judicial and law enforcement sectors in order to strengthen the capabilities of States to deal with the problem in all its aspects,

Recalling also that paragraph 38 (e) of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session called for States to consider measures such as expanding the scope of economic and technical cooperation in support of crop substitution and integrated rural development programmes and other economic and technical programmes aimed at reducing illicit production and processing of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,53

Concerned about the increasing number of developing countries affected by the movement of illicit drugs through their territories due to their geographical location, adding to the problems faced by national drug law enforcement agencies with limited resources,

Convinced that international cooperation should be the cornerstone of efforts to deal with that alarming development,

1. Calls upon States and international and regional agencies and organizations to consider extending their financial and technical assistance to the Arab States in order to enable them to implement the plans and programmes that they prepare in the field of drug control;

2. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to provide the necessary support, subject to the availability of voluntary resources, to the Arab States in order to enable them to continue to implement their plans and programmes in the field of drug control and also to support their national drug law enforcement agencies;

3. Calls upon the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to make an assessment, subject to the availability of voluntary resources, of the problems resulting from the movement of illicit drug consignments through the Arab States;

4. Calls upon the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in cooperation with transit and destination States, to coordinate efforts to arrive at suitable solutions to the problems posed by illicit drugs in the Arab States.

52/ General Assembly resolution S-17/2, annex.

53/ General Assembly resolution S-17/2, annex, sect. II.