CND Res.45/17. 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, 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 and its Fund,

Recalling also that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1999/30 of 28 July 1999, recommended measures to strengthen the United Nations machinery for international drug control,

Recalling its resolution 44/16, in which it called for, inter alia, continued improvement in management and a strengthened dialogue with Member States so as to contribute to enhanced and sustainable programme delivery,

Encouraged by efforts to strengthen the dialogue between Member States and the Secretariat on the priorities and management of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and by the establishment of the Programme and Project Committee and the Planning and Evaluation Unit,

Taking note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-first session and the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, in which recommendations were made regarding the strengthening of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the governing body of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme,

Taking into account the renewed interest in enhancing the governance oversight role of the legislative organs of the United Nations system, as reflected in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 44/16, and calls for the continued implementation of that resolution by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

2. Urges the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue the reform undertaken to date, based on Commission resolution 44/16 and the recommendations contained in the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit;

3. Calls upon the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue the implementation of the recommendations contained in the above-mentioned reports and to develop existing reforms;

4. Reaffirms its governing role in the United Nations International Drug Control Programme budget process, which includes, inter alia, advising the Programme in the preparation and implementation of the biennial budget and the management of the resources of the Programme, on the basis of the priorities established by Member States and taking into account the work of the Planning and Evaluation Unit and the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, decides to hold an intersessional session of the Commission, on a yearly basis, to consider those issues, if and when services are available at no additional cost to the Organization, and requests the Secretariat to undertake a careful review of the relevant budgets and utilization of facilities to enable the yearly intersessional session to be held;

5. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to facilitate this by presenting substantive, concise and timely briefings and, when appropriate, reports to all Member States;
6. Decides that the intersessional meeting referred to in paragraph 4 above could, when appropriate, advise the Commission on the modalities to fulfil its functions in this respect;

7. Notes the initiation of informal joint meetings of donor and recipient countries, and underlines the need to ensure that the format of those meetings is in the spirit of paragraph 3 of Commission resolution 44/16 and to avoid duplication of the efforts of its intersessional meetings;

8. Reaffirms the role of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in coordinating and providing effective leadership for all United Nations drug control activities so as to increase cost-effectiveness and ensure coherence of action, as well as coordination, complementarity and non-duplication of such activities throughout the United Nations system, and encourages further efforts in this regard, in particular with the Centre for International Crime Prevention;

9. Welcomes the implementation to date of the planned system of financial management to allow the United Nations International Drug Control 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 result-based budgeting, and looks forward to continued development of the system;

10. Calls for continued improvement in personnel management and recruitment, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation so as to further enhance the morale and the efficient and effective performance of the staff of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and requests the Secretariat to provide information on existing posts in the Programme;

11. Urges all Governments to provide support to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, including financial support, to the fullest extent possible;

12. Notes the increased number of cost-sharing arrangements, and requests the Executive Director to continue 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;

13. Requests the Executive Director to prepare as soon as possible a report evaluating the situation of the support budget and general-purpose funds of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and containing options for securing assured and predictable funding, taking into account the relevant recommendations contained in the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, so that the Commission may begin its discussion of his report at one of its earliest intersessional meetings and conclude that discussion at its forty-sixth session, bearing in mind the voluntary nature of contributions to the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

14. Welcomes the report of the Executive Director on the progress made in the implementation of its resolution 44/16, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body";

15. Requests the Executive Director to present to it at its forty-sixth session a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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