The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling article 11, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, which states that illicit consignments whose controlled delivery is agreed to may, with the consent of the parties concerned, be intercepted and allowed to continue with the narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances intact or removed or replaced in whole or in part,

Recalling also the measures to promote judicial cooperation adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together,

Bearing in mind that, in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, States were encouraged to review the implementation of the measures to promote judicial cooperation by 2003,

Recognizing the importance of cooperation, including the timely and quick exchange of information among law enforcement agencies, in combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors,

Bearing in mind that identification of the destination of illicit shipments of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors is an integral part of efforts to dismantle criminal organizations involved in illicit drug trafficking,

Recognizing that controlled delivery operations contribute to identifying the principals, modi operandi, organizational structure and distribution network of drug trafficking groups,

1. Calls upon Governments that have not yet done so to review their legislation, procedures and practices with a view to allowing the use of the technique of controlled delivery;

2. Invites Governments to conclude agreements and arrangements providing for the effective use of the technique of controlled delivery;

3. Recommends that Governments authorize their respective competent bodies to facilitate swift and effective action in dealing with requests for international assistance in controlled delivery operations and to establish effective mechanisms for its implementation.


20/ General Assembly resolution S-20/4 C.

21/ General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.