CND Res.45/7. Preparations for the ministerial-level segment of the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, relating to the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling that the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together, established goals and targets to be met by all States by the years 2003 and 2008,

Recalling also the commitment assumed by all States at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly to report biennially to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on their efforts to meet the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008,

Recalling further 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 adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session,

Taking note of the consolidated biennial report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, devoted to countering the world drug problem together,

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 in full conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, and in particular with full respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, the principle of non-intervention in internal affairs of States and all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling also that, in section I of its resolution 1999/30 of 28 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council recommended that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs convene, whenever appropriate, ministerial-level segments of its sessions, Taking into account the agreement reached by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-third session on the convening of a ministerial-level segment of its forty-sixth session, in 2003,

Considering that the ministerial-level segment is part of the process of assessing progress in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session and in overcoming the obstacles encountered,

1. **Decides** that the theme of the ministerial-level segment to be held at its forty-sixth session shall be the assessment of the progress achieved and the difficulties encountered in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session;

2. **Decides also** that the ministerial-level segment of its forty-sixth session shall be held in Vienna in April 2003 and that the segment shall be held for a period of two days, which, as an exception, shall be added to the six days scheduled for its regular session;

3. **Decides further** that the ministerial-level segment shall consist of a general debate on the theme referred to in paragraph 1 above and round tables on specific subjects to be identified by the Commission at its intersessional meetings in 2002;

4. **Recommends** that a brief joint ministerial statement be issued at the conclusion of the ministerial-level segment of its forty-sixth session, in 2003, which would cover the following:

(a) An assessment of the implementation of the commitments assumed at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly;
(b) Recommendations for the period 2003-2007, including recommendations on strengthening the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as well as the role of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

5. Recommends that the joint ministerial statement be submitted to the General Assembly, together with its report in 2003 on the progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration;

6. Decides that intersessional sessions in the second half of 2002 shall be devoted also to preparations for the ministerial-level segment of its forty-sixth session and that up to three additional one-day intersessional sessions shall be held, if necessary, for that purpose, 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 holding of those intersessional sessions;

7. Requests member States to submit, in a timely manner and no later than 30 June 2002, their replies to the second questionnaire for the submission of biennial reports in order to provide the ministerial-level segment with the most recent information on national efforts to implement the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly;

8. Calls upon the participants of its ministerial-level segment to take account of the work of the regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, in particular initiatives that could further drug law enforcement cooperation;

9. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to submit, in a timely manner and no later than the first week of December 2002, his second biennial report on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly;

10. Requests member States and observers to ensure that they are represented at the appropriate level at the ministerial-level segment of its forty-sixth session and to participate actively in that segment.

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