CND Res.46/4. Supporting the international drug control system through joint action

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together, in which Member States recognized that action against the world drug problem was a common and shared responsibility,[1]

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions S-20/3 and S-20/4 A to E of 10 June 1998, adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session,

Recalling further its resolution 45/15, in which it expressed its concern that lenient policies towards the illicit use of drugs not in accordance with the international drug control treaties might hamper the efforts of the international community to address the world drug problem,

Recognizing that the adoption of those lenient policies towards the illicit use of drugs could undermine the efforts of some Member States to deal with their own specific drug problems and could threaten international cooperation and joint action aimed at countering the world drug problem together,

Acknowledging that regional differences could occur in national policies when those differences are in accordance with international drug control treaties,

Emphasizing the primary importance of international cooperation in combating drug trafficking and drug abuse,

Noting that facilitating access to drugs for non-medical or non-scientific purposes, regardless of the drugs involved, violates the international drug control treaties,

Affirming the continued relevance of the international drug control system,

Emphasizing the pivotal role that non-governmental organizations and other organizations of civil society play in addressing the world drug problem,

Noting the current intensified campaigns for the adoption of lenient policies towards the illicit use of drugs, which are not in conformity with the international drug control treaties,

Reaffirming its commitment to take all measures necessary to maintain the international drug control system,

1. Calls upon all Member States, as part of their common and shared responsibility, to continue to implement fully the international drug control treaties, including those provisions which oblige States parties to those treaties to limit the use of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances exclusively to medical and scientific purposes;

2. Urges Member States to avoid adopting policies and measures that facilitate access to drugs for non-
medical or non-scientific purposes;

3. *Calls upon* all Member States to continue to involve non-governmental organizations and other organizations of civil society in their efforts to address the world drug problem;

4. *Urges* Member States to continue to engage non-governmental organizations and other organizations of civil society involved in addressing the world drug problem in such a way as to enhance the international drug control system;

5. *Calls upon* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to optimize the involvement of non-governmental organizations and other organizations of civil society engaged in addressing the world drug problem at all levels with a view to enhancing the international drug control system;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to it, at its forty-eighth session, on the implementation of the present resolution.