CND Res.46/8. 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 General Assembly resolution 46/185 C of 20 December 1991, by which the Assembly 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 Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 of 28 July 1999, in which the Council recommended measures to strengthen the United Nations machinery for international drug control,

Reaffirming its resolutions 45/17 and 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,

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]

Noting that assured and predictable funding contributes to good management and vice versa,

Welcoming the efforts and initiatives of the Executive Director to improve the financial, human resource and operational management of the Programme,

1. Urges the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue the reform undertaken to date, based on Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolutions 44/16 and 45/17 and the recommendations contained in the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[2] the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit;[3]

2. Calls upon the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to complete the implementation of the recommendations contained in the above-mentioned reports and to develop existing reforms, including the development of synergies between the different elements of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

3. 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;

4. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to facilitate this by continuing to present substantive, concise and timely briefings and, when appropriate, reports to all Member States,
such as the progress report on management reform entitled “Commitment to good governance”;

5. **Encourages** the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to facilitate dialogue with and among Member States;

6. **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;

7. **Supports** the efforts of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to ensure that issues relating to the fight against narcotic drugs become part of the mainstream in ongoing sustainable development activities;

8. **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;

9. **Calls upon** the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to consider as priorities the development and application of expertise in evaluation and monitoring, in particular through the establishment of an independent evaluation function;

10. **Welcomes** continued efforts to improve human resource management and recruitment, taking into account the principles of equitable geographical representation and gender balance, so as to further enhance the morale and 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. **Welcomes also** the report of the Executive Director on the progress made in the implementation of its resolution 45/17, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body”;[4]

12. **Requests** the Executive Director to report to it at its forty-seventh session on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.