

## Resolution 47/1

### Optimizing integrated drug information systems

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*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,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling also* that, in the Political Declaration,<sup>2</sup> Member States committed themselves to introducing into their national programmes and strategies the provisions set out in the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,<sup>3</sup>

*Recalling further* that, in the Political Declaration, Member States called for the establishment or strengthening of regional or subregional mechanisms, as needed, with the assistance of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the International Narcotics Control Board, and invited those mechanisms to share experiences and conclusions resulting from the implementation of national strategies and to report on their activities to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,<sup>4</sup>

*Recalling* the measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem,<sup>5</sup> adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/56 of 29 July 1993, on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States,

*Recalling further* its resolution 8 (XXXVII) on the establishment of facilities for the electronic exchange of data between the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the national authorities responsible for the control of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors for licit purposes under the international drug control treaties,

*Recalling* its resolution 4 (XXXIX) on the establishment of a regional mechanism for the exchange of information, experience, training and ideas on demand reduction,

*Recalling also* its resolution 43/2 on follow-up to the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 44/14, in which it invited States and relevant regional organizations to foster the exchange of information on new patterns of drug use and on the substances consumed,

*Reaffirming also* its resolution 45/6, in which it encouraged States to involve the pharmaceutical industry in the expansion of

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex, para. 2.

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex, para 17.

<sup>3</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.

<sup>4</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex, para. 9.

<sup>5</sup> General Assembly resolutions S-20/4 A to E.

knowledge about the potential for abuse of and dependence on psychoactive substances,

*Recalling* its resolution 45/13 on optimizing systems for collecting information and identifying the best practices to counter the demand for illicit drugs,

*Recalling also* its resolution 46/7,

*Recalling further* the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction, in which all States were urged to assess the causes and consequences of the misuse of all substances,<sup>6</sup> including psychoactive substances,

*Recalling* the commitment by Member States to introduce into their national programmes and strategies the provisions set out in the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction and the measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem,

*Stressing* the importance of the annual reports questionnaire and the biennial reports questionnaire as a basis for countermeasures and for the evaluation of the progress made in reducing illicit demand and supply of illicit drugs and in implementing the action plans and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

1. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Health Organization and Member States to implement Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 46/7;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to promote the development of integrated drug information systems by utilizing data on both the demand for and the supply of illicit drugs and by strengthening collaboration with the International Narcotics Control Board, the World Health Organization and other international bodies, so that information on drug abuse can be collected in a sustainable manner at low cost and will be available to all Member States to facilitate the formulation of sound programmes for the reduction of the demand for and supply of illicit drugs;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, subject to the availability of voluntary funds, which might be either from general-purpose funds, in accordance with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs guidelines for the use of general-purpose funds,<sup>7</sup> or from earmarked funds, to strengthen the Global Assessment Programme on Drug Abuse in order to improve, in consultation with Member States, the collection and analysis of comprehensive and internationally comparable data on the extent and patterns of and trends in drug abuse and the negative health consequences related to drug abuse, taking into account existing regional initiatives, including comprehensive programmes to reduce the transmission of all blood-borne diseases, programmes to reduce risky behaviour and programmes to reduce injecting drug abuse, and using epidemiologically sound and cost-effective methods;

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<sup>6</sup> General Assembly resolution 54/132, annex, para. 10.

<sup>7</sup> Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 44/20, annex.

4. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, subject to the availability of voluntary funds, which might be either from general-purpose funds, in accordance with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs guidelines for the use of general-purpose funds, or from earmarked funds, and regional organizations to continue providing to States, upon request, expert advice on sound epidemiological methods of collecting information on the abuse of, and dependence on, illicit substances and the consequences thereof;

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