

Resolution 47/5

Illicit drug profiling in international law enforcement: maximizing outcome and improving cooperation

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/35 of 22 July 2003, in which the Council called upon Member States to adopt effective measures to strengthen international cooperation projects aimed at the prohibition and control of drug trafficking and to deal with the activities of criminal groups involved in such trafficking and the diversification of their methods and transport routes,

Recalling also its resolution 1 (XXXIX), in which it requested the Executive Director to develop standard protocols and methods for the profiling/signature analysis of key narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recognizing the work done by the Laboratory and Scientific Section of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the international forensic community and their efforts to enhance international cooperation,

Recognizing also the value of illicit drug characterization and profiling in supporting law enforcement intelligence-gathering and operational work and the international fight against illicit drugs,

Noting the need for the effective exchange of drug profiling information between States to optimize the intelligence capacity of drug profiling programmes and facilitate the identification of illicit drug sources, trafficking patterns and distribution networks,

Noting all the efforts made by different countries and regions involved in drug profiling and in establishing databases in this regard,

1. *Affirms* the need to develop and, subsequently, to harmonize the illicit drug profiling activities of the international drug law enforcement community;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in cooperation with Member States and 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,¹ or from earmarked funds, to prepare a report identifying current drug profiling initiatives and best practices, and encourages Member States:

(a) To seek to enhance their capacity to undertake profile analysis of seized illicit drugs, including heroin and other narcotics in the opiate group, cocaine and amphetamine-type stimulants;

(b) To participate in the international exchange of profile analysis information and samples of seized illicit drugs for profile analysis purposes;

¹ Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 44/20, annex.

(c) To seek to review their legislation with a view to facilitating the exchange of drug profiling information and drug samples with other States;

3. *Invites* Member States to promote the utilization of laboratory data to support the relevant work of regulatory and health authorities, in particular in supporting law enforcement operational activities, and to establish programmes and law enforcement frameworks for that purpose.