Resolution 49/1
Collection and use of complementary drug-related data and expertise to support the global assessment by Member States of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling that, in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,¹ the Assembly called upon all States to take into account the outcome of that session when formulating national strategies and programmes and to report biennially to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on their efforts to meet the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 set out in the Political Declaration, and requested the Commission to analyse those reports in order to enhance cooperative efforts to address the world drug problem,

Recognizing that the international drug control treaties, the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, especially the Political Declaration, the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction² and the measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem,³ together constitute a comprehensive framework for drug control activities by States and relevant international organizations, and stressing the need for consistency in efforts to implement those activities,

Noting the drug-related components of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS,⁴ adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth special session,

Recognizing that data and expertise acquired by specialized national or regional bodies in monitoring the drug situation in their own geographical contexts can contribute significantly when assessing the implementation of the goals and targets set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

Taking note of the conclusions of the expert workshop on measuring progress in demand reduction held in Vienna from 31 October to 2 November 2005,

Recalling its resolution 42/11, in which it requested the Executive Director to prepare a biennial report that would be based on replies provided by Member States to a biennial questionnaire, that would contain information on global trends, organized by region, and that would also draw on the expertise and experience gained by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime from its technical assistance programmes and information collected through various relevant questionnaires, including the annual reports questionnaire,

Acknowledging the processes already established by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to assist Member States in their assessment of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

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¹ General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.
² General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.
³ General Assembly resolutions S-20/4 A to E.
⁴ General Assembly resolution S-26/2, annex.
1. Underscores the value of an objective, scientific, balanced and transparent assessment by Member States of the global progress achieved and of the difficulties encountered in meeting the goals and targets set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, and recommends that this assessment take a balanced approach between supply and demand reduction;

2. Calls upon the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to engage with national and regional experts from all geographical regions, as well as experts from relevant international organizations in the field of drug control, on the collection and use of complementary drug-related data and expertise to support the global assessment by Member States of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session;

3. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to submit a report on the results of those efforts, together with recommendations on the collection and use of complementary drug-related data and expertise to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for its consideration with a view to, as appropriate, complementing the information available to Member States and providing them with additional input to make an objective, scientific, balanced and transparent global assessment of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session;

4. Recommends that, following the global assessment, there should be a period of global reflection by Member States, based on the fundamental principles of the international drug control treaties and giving due regard to measures that have led to positive outcomes and aspects that require greater effort;

5. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to it at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.