

Responding to the threat posed by the distribution of internationally controlled drugs on the unregulated market

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Considering that the illicit distribution of internationally controlled drugs, including those containing internationally controlled substances, on the unregulated market continues to be a serious problem in many countries, in particular in developing countries,

Noting that the International Narcotics Control Board, in its report for 2006,⁷⁷ highlighted, inter alia, the problems relating to internationally controlled drugs and the unregulated market, as well as the need for adequate access to controlled drugs through legitimate channels,

Considering that some internationally controlled drugs diverted from the legitimate, official market and sold on the unregulated market may have harmful or even fatal consequences and can lead to dependence,

Considering also that internationally controlled substances may be included in counterfeit drugs and that such counterfeit drugs may jeopardize public health and safety,

Recalling that the current extent of the problem of the distribution of internationally controlled drugs on the unregulated market is increasingly characterized by smuggling networks operating in an organized and structured manner and by the expansion of the range of products containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances available on that market,

Being aware that many States are affected by the distribution of internationally controlled drugs on the unregulated market and have taken a number of prevention and control measures to combat that global problem,

Noting the efforts made by international organizations such as the World Health Organization, the World Customs Organization and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and by relevant regional organizations to combat problems related to the distribution of internationally controlled drugs on the unregulated market and to protect populations,

Taking into consideration that the general population of the affected States is often not aware of the dangers posed by the consumption of counterfeit pharmaceutical products,

1. *Requests* Member States to continue to offer to affected States their cooperation and support through the provision of human and material resources, including the organization of training programmes;

2. *Requests* Member States that are parties to the international drug control conventions to implement fully the mandatory provisions of those conventions,

⁷⁷ *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2006* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.07.XI.11).

including by adopting laws prohibiting the illicit distribution of internationally controlled substances on the unregulated market and by enforcing those laws;

3. *Encourages* affected States to consider adopting measures to enable the swift detection of new forms of illicit distribution of internationally controlled drugs;

4. *Requests* Member States to give consideration to implementing the applicable recommendations of the International Narcotics Control Board as set out in its annual report for 2006;⁷⁸

5. *Encourages* the Member States concerned to take appropriate measures to increase the availability of drugs through legitimate channels, particularly in areas where there is little or no such access;

6. Invites the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, where it has the potential to assist, to explore ways of cooperating with the World Health Organization, the World Customs Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and other relevant international bodies in assisting Member States in implementing the applicable recommendations of the International Narcotics Control Board.

⁷⁸ Ibid., para. 38.