

Promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Reaffirming the commitments undertaken by Member States in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS,⁷⁹ in which Member States called on the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, including its co-sponsors, to assist national efforts to coordinate the AIDS response,

Reaffirming also the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS,⁸⁰ in which the Member States supported greater action and coordination by all relevant organizations of the United Nations system,

Recalling its resolution 49/4 on responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users, in which it endorsed the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors, as well as related decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS,

Recalling also its resolution 48/12 on expanding the capacity of communities to provide information, treatment, health care and social services to people living with HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases in the context of drug abuse and strengthening monitoring, evaluation and reporting systems, in which it requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to facilitate, in coordination with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and other relevant United Nations entities, the collection, collation and dissemination of information on the relationship between HIV/AIDS and drug abuse,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime entitled “Responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users”,⁸¹ describing major trends in the pandemic, its impact and the response, including the key initiatives and achievements of the Office over the two previous years,

Affirming that closer cooperation at the national level among experts from the criminal justice, health, social and drug control sectors is critical in devising an effective response to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care among drug users,

Welcoming the close cooperation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, including its co-sponsors, on the development of effective policies and programmes ensuring HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care among drug users,

Acknowledging the discussion paper prepared by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on a comprehensive approach to reducing the adverse health and

⁷⁹ General Assembly resolution 60/262, annex.

⁸⁰ General Assembly resolution S-26/2, annex.

⁸¹ E/CN.7/2008/7.

social consequences of drug abuse, and welcoming the close cooperation and coordination between that Office and the International Narcotics Control Board in the preparation of that paper,

1. *Calls for* collaboration among Member States represented both in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and on the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS towards the promotion of better coordination and alignment of the HIV/AIDS response in order to scale up towards the goal of universal access to comprehensive prevention, care, treatment and support services for drug users;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to share relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS with the Member States at each session of the Commission held in the first half of the year, starting with the fifty-second session;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to transmit relevant resolutions of the Commission each year to the Chairman of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission on the implementation of the present resolution.