

Resolution 53/16

Streamlining of the annual report questionnaire

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,¹ that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,² the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971³ and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,⁴

Recalling its resolution 42/11 of 1 December 1999, in which it adopted a unified single questionnaire that included the information required on all action plans and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

Recalling also its resolution 43/1 of 15 March 2000, in which it decided to abolish sections 2 and 3 of part II of the annual report questionnaire and requested the Executive Director to revise section 1 of part II of the questionnaire,

Recalling further its resolution 44/3 of 29 March 2001, in which it decided to replace the existing part II of the annual report questionnaire with the revised part II of the questionnaire,

Aware of the need to establish adequate procedures to fulfil the mandates assigned to it with regard to the examination of reports submitted in accordance with the above-mentioned treaties,

Bearing in mind the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,⁵ adopted during the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission, in which Member States took account of the need for indicators and instruments for the collection and analysis of accurate, reliable and comparable data on all relevant aspects of the world drug problem and, where appropriate, the enhancement or development of new indicators and instruments,

Bearing in mind also that in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, Member States committed themselves to report to the Commission on their efforts to fully implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action,

Recalling its resolution 52/12 of 20 March 2009 and its decision 53/2 of 10 March 2010, in which it decided to convene an open-ended expert group on data collection to improve the collection, reporting and analysis of data to monitor the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, which held two meetings,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the open-ended expert group to improve the collection, reporting and analysis of data to monitor the implementation

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14151.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

⁵ A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect. II.A.

of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, as well as the reporting mandated by the three international drug control treaties,

1. *Decides* to adopt the annual report questionnaire⁶ as submitted by the expert group on data collection;

2. *Also decides* that the annual report questionnaire should be periodically reviewed in order to have a flexible international instrument allowing the reporting of national and emerging drug situations, taking into account the needs and challenges of balancing the collection of qualitative and quantitative data and information, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to carry out such reviews, taking into consideration, among other things, the challenges identified and the recommendations made by the reconvened expert group on data collection, including the need to simplify the annual report questionnaire, taking into account the different levels of reporting capacity of Member States;⁷

3. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to assist, upon request, Member States in developing their data-collection and reporting capacities;

4. *Requests* all Member States to comply with the reporting mandates of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,⁸ that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,⁹ the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971¹⁰ and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,¹¹ and the Political Declaration on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem¹² and provide on a yearly basis the necessary data by completing the annual report questionnaire;

5. *Also requests* Member States to return the duly completed questionnaire by 30 June of each year to enable the Secretariat to make a meaningful analysis of the drug control situation and report to the Commission;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to submit to the Commission the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs;

7. *Also requests* the Executive Director to prepare and submit to the Commission, on a biennial basis, on the basis of the responses provided by Member States to the questionnaire, a single report on action taken to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, the first of which should be examined by the Commission at its fifty-fifth session, in 2012.

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2 December 2010

⁶ See E/CN.7/2010/19, E/CN.7/2010/20, E/CN.7/2010/21 and E/CN.7/2010/22.

⁷ See E/CN.7/2010/24.

⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14151.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

¹² A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect. II.A.