

Resolution 56/7

Promoting the development and use of the international electronic import and export authorization system for licit international trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling article 31 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol³⁸ and article 12 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,³⁹ which require the issuance of import and export authorizations for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recalling also its resolution 55/6 of 16 March 2012, in which it encouraged Member States to provide the fullest possible financial and political support for developing, maintaining and administering an international electronic import and export authorization system for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances under international control, requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to undertake the development and maintenance of the system, and invites the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board to administer the system during the start-up phase in the current biennium,

Reaffirming the need to develop and utilize the system, which would facilitate the real-time exchange of import and export authorizations between importing and exporting countries in a safe and secure environment and allow competent national authorities to exchange information about transactions that need further processing,

Noting that there has been an increased volume of licit international trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, which is expected to continue to grow in the near future with the increased availability of those substances in more and more countries for medical and scientific purposes,

Reaffirming that the system, once put into operation, will assist competent national authorities in managing the increasing workload of processing import and export authorizations,

Noting that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has commenced the development work and that a prototype of the system will be available to be presented to Member States in due course,

Noting also that continuous financial support is required to allow the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to complete the first phase of the development work and maintain the system, and to support the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board in administering the system, in line with its mandate,

³⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

1. *Welcomes* the voluntary financial contributions of a number of Member States to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to support the initial phase of development and maintenance of the international electronic import and export authorization system, and the progress achieved so far in this initiative;

2. *Invites* Member States to continue to provide voluntary financial contributions to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for the further development and maintenance of the international electronic import and export authorization system for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances under international control;

3. *Invites* the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board to administer the system, in line with its mandate, and encourages Member States to provide the fullest possible financial support for that purpose;

4. *Urges* Member States to commit to making the system operational within their jurisdictions as soon as possible, recognizing that domestic legal and regulatory changes may be necessary in some Member States to enable its use, and to promote and facilitate its use for the exchange of import and export authorizations among parties and as a basis for strengthening international cooperation, including through the International Narcotics Control Board;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in full and close cooperation with the International Narcotics Control Board, to provide training to competent national authorities on the use of the system and the relevant provisions of the international drug control conventions and the related resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

6. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for these purposes, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.