

## Chapter I

### **Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention**

#### **A. Draft resolution to be recommended by the Economic and Social Council for adoption by the General Assembly**

1. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommends to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly:

#### **Draft resolution**

#### **Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012, entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem”, in which it decided to convene, in early 2016, a special session on the world drug problem to review the progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>1</sup> including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 68/197 of 18 December 2013 and 69/201 of 18 December 2014, entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem”,

*Recalling further* its resolution 69/200 of 18 December 2014, entitled “Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”,

1. *Welcomes* Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 58/8 of 17 March 2015;

2. *Decides* that the special session on the world drug problem will be convened for three days, from 19 to 21 April 2016, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, scheduled to be held in March 2016;

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<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

3. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the special session will be as follows:

(a) The special session shall consist of a general debate and interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables conducted in parallel to the plenary;

(b) The opening of the special session shall include statements by the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the President of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Director General of the World Health Organization;

(c) The general debate shall include statements by the regional groups, Member States, observer States and observers, relevant international organizations and representatives of non-governmental organizations;

(d) Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to participate in the special session in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practice of the General Assembly;

(e) In accordance with the rules of procedure and practice developed for other special sessions of the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which will take into consideration inputs from other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, shall draw up a list of representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, representatives of civil society and the scientific community, academia, youth groups and other relevant stakeholders that may participate in the special session, with due regard to geographical balance;

(f) The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the entity leading the preparations for the special session, shall address in an open-ended manner, supported and guided by the President of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements, including chairing arrangements, speakers and participation, for the following round tables, while considering the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>1</sup> in line with General Assembly resolutions 67/193 and 69/201:

Round table 1: Demand reduction and related measures, including prevention and treatment, as well as health-related issues; and ensuring the availability of controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion (“drugs and health”):

(i) Demand reduction and related measures, including prevention and treatment, as well as health-related issues, including HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care;

(ii) Ensuring the availability of controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion;

Round table 2: Supply reduction and related measures; responses to drug-related crime; and countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation (“drugs and crime”):

- (i) Domestic, regional and cross-regional responses to drug-related crime; and countering money-laundering, including, where appropriate, in connection with the financing of terrorism, and promoting judicial cooperation in criminal matters;
- (ii) Addressing emerging issues, including new psychoactive substances, precursors and the misuse of the Internet;

Round table 3: Cross-cutting issues: drugs and human rights, youth, women, children and communities:

- (i) Addressing drug-related issues in full conformity with the purposes and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>2</sup> and other relevant international law, including the three drug control conventions;
- (ii) Drugs and youth, women, children and communities;

Round table 4: Cross-cutting issues: new challenges, threats and realities in preventing and addressing the world drug problem in compliance with relevant international law, including the three drug control conventions; strengthening the principle of common and shared responsibility and international cooperation:

- (i) New challenges, threats and realities in preventing and addressing the world drug problem in compliance with relevant international law, including the three drug control conventions;
- (ii) Strengthening the principle of common and shared responsibility and enhancing international cooperation, including technical assistance, leading up to 2019;

Round table 5: Alternative development; regional, interregional and international cooperation on development-oriented balanced drug control policy; addressing socioeconomic issues:

- (i) Drugs, addressing socioeconomic issues and fostering alternative development, including preventive alternative development;
- (ii) Enhancing regional, interregional and international cooperation on development-oriented, balanced drug control policy;

(g) A summary of the salient points raised during the round tables will be prepared by the Chairs of those round tables, to be presented at the plenary;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the entity leading the preparations for the special session by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner, to report to the General Assembly at its special session on the preparations that have been undertaken for the session, through the Chair of the Board tasked by the Commission with the preparations for the special

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<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

session, which was established by the Commission in its decision 57/2 of 4 December 2014;

5. *Also requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to produce a short, substantive, concise and action-oriented document comprising a set of operational recommendations, based upon a review of the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements as well as ways to address long-standing and emerging challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments, and decides that the document, to be recommended for adoption at the plenary of the special session, should, *inter alia*, address measures to reach an effective balance between supply and demand reduction and address the key causes and consequences of the world drug problem, including those in the health, social, human rights, economic, justice and security fields, in line with the principle of common and shared responsibility;

6. *Reiterates* the importance of an inclusive preparatory process, including extensive substantive consultations, and encourages organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, relevant international and regional organizations, civil society, academia, the scientific community and other relevant stakeholders to continue to fully contribute to the process by actively participating in the preparations by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure and established practice;

7. *Encourages* all Member States, observer States and observers to consider being represented at the special session at the highest possible level;

8. *Also encourages* all Member States, observer States and observers to consider the possible participation of youth representatives at the special session;

9. *Reaffirms* its decision in resolution 67/193 to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing regular budget resources;

10. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for the purposes set out in the present resolution, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.

## **B. Draft decisions for adoption by the Economic and Social Council**

2. The Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

## Draft decision I

### **Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2013/246 of 25 July 2013, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, in which it, inter alia, reaffirmed Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13 of 20 March 2009 and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3 of 24 April 2009 and decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime until the part of the sessions of the Commissions to be held in the first half of 2015, at which time the Commissions would carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate:

(a) Reaffirms the efficiency of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

(b) Also reaffirms the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal policymaking organ of the United Nations on matters of international drug control and as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as the principal policymaking organ of the United Nations on matters of crime prevention and criminal justice and as the governing body of the crime programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

(c) Expresses once again its continued concern about the governance and financial situation of the Office, and also expresses its awareness of the continued need to address these issues in a pragmatic, results-oriented, efficient and cooperative manner;

(d) Reaffirms Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13 and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3, as well as Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolutions 54/10 of 25 March 2011, 54/17 of 13 December 2011 and 56/11 of 15 March 2013 and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolutions 20/1 of 13 April 2011, 20/9 of 13 December 2011 and 22/2 of 26 April 2013, and decides to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime until the part of the sessions of the Commissions to be held in the first half of 2017, at which time the Commissions should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate;

(e) Decides that the working group shall hold formal and informal meetings in line with current practice, and that the dates of those meetings shall be determined by the co-chairs of the working group, in consultation with the Secretariat;

(f) Requests that the relevant documentation be provided to the working group not later than 10 working days before a meeting;

(g) Reiterates the importance of the development by Member States of an indicative annual workplan, taking into account inputs from the Secretariat, in order to guide the work of the working group, and approves the provisional agenda of the working group as set out below:

1. Biennial consolidated budget for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
2. Governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
3. Evaluation and oversight.
4. Other matters.

## **Draft decision II**

### **Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-eighth session and provisional agenda for its fifty-ninth session**

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-eighth session;

(b) Also takes note of Commission decision 55/1 of 7 December 2012 and Commission resolutions 57/5 of 21 March 2014 and 58/8 of 17 March 2014;

(c) Approves the provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session set out below.

#### **Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

#### *Operational segment*

3. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions:

(a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives;

- (b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime:
  - (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
  - (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions;
- (c) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters.

*Normative segment*

- 4. Round-table discussions.
- 5. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016:
  - (a) Demand reduction and related measures;
  - (b) Supply reduction and related measures;
  - (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation.
- 6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:
  - (a) Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations;
  - (b) Changes in the scope of control of substances;
  - (c) International Narcotics Control Board;
  - (d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion;
  - (e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties.
- 7. World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission.
- 8. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1.

*Special segment*

- 9. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The agenda and programme of work for the special segment are still to be defined. See also Commission decision 58/15.

10. Provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Commission.
11. Other business.
12. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-ninth session.

### **Draft decision III**

#### **Report of the International Narcotics Control Board**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2014.<sup>4</sup>

### **C. Matters brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council**

3. The following resolutions adopted by the Commission are brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council:

#### **Resolution 58/1**

#### **Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: recommendations of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* its resolution 52/13 of 20 March 2009, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, in which it decided to establish a standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on governance and finance, in order to achieve the common objective of strengthening the performance and effectiveness of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council decision 2009/251 of 30 July 2009, entitled “Frequency and duration of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, in which the Council decided that, starting in 2010, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice would hold reconvened sessions on an annual basis in the second half of the year, in order to be able, pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13 and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3 of 24 April 2009, to consider the reports of and the recommendations proposed by the standing open-ended intergovernmental working

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<sup>4</sup> *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2014* (E/INCB/2014/1).



group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

*Reaffirming* its role as the principal policymaking organ of the United Nations on matters of international drug control and as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

*Reaffirming also* its resolutions 54/10 of 25 March 2011 and 56/11 of 15 March 2013, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: recommendations of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”,

*Concerned* about the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and aware of the need to continue addressing that situation in a pragmatic, results-oriented, efficient and cooperative manner,

1. *Takes note* of the work of and the note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,<sup>5</sup> in accordance with Commission resolutions 52/13, 54/10 and 56/11;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the co-chairs of the working group for their work and to the Secretariat for its assistance in facilitating the work of the working group, including by providing, inter alia, updates on the financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and briefings and presentations on thematic and regional programmes and global projects and on evaluation and oversight issues to the working group, and requests the Secretariat to continue providing such necessary assistance, bearing in mind the limited resources available to it;

3. *Welcomes* the established practice of having a clear schedule of meetings and programme of work for the working group, requests that a draft agenda for each meeting of the working group be distributed no later than 10 working days before the meeting, accompanied by all the relevant documents for the meeting, and reiterates the importance of the development of an indicative annual workplan by Member States, taking into account input from the Secretariat;

#### **Continuous support for strengthening the financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

4. *Recalls* that the working group has, on several occasions, discussed fundraising issues and ways to achieve sustainable and balanced funding for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime so as to ensure effective technical assistance, delivery capacity and the sustainability of thematic, global, regional and country programmes;

5. *Also recalls* that the working group has been considering the implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 56/17 of 13 December 2013 and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 22/9 of 13 December 2013 and has been briefed on the provisional implementation of the new full cost recovery funding model;

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<sup>5</sup> E/CN.7/2015/6-E/CN.15/2015/6.

6. *Requests* the working group to continue examining and discussing the funding situation and financial management of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, inter alia, by:

(a) Receiving reports on, and facilitating, the resource mobilization process to promote the integrated programmes of the Office,<sup>6</sup> stressing their resource requirements, and to enhance funding predictability in line with the medium-term strategy;

(b) Continuing efforts, including through the Office, to further encourage donors to provide general-purpose funding, including by means of further increasing transparency and improving the application of full cost recovery and the quality of reporting and communication, and continuing to discuss the reasons for the low level of general-purpose funding, with a view to restoring an adequate balance between general-purpose and special-purpose funds;

(c) Continuing to study the feasibility, progress and impact of the implementation of full cost recovery and the flexible application of programme support costs, with a view to increasing the effectiveness and results of the technical assistance programmes of the Office;

#### **Continuous support for promoting an integrated programme approach**

7. *Recalls* that the working group has been following the progress made by the Office in implementing an integrated programming approach that seeks to strengthen the links between normative mandates and operational technical assistance and in improving linkages between policy, strategic planning, evaluation, programmatic work, mobilization of resources and partnerships with all relevant stakeholders;

8. *Requests* the working group to:

(a) Continue promoting regular dialogue among all Member States, as well as with the Office, on the planning and formulation of the operational activities of the Office, especially with regard to its thematic, global and regional programmes, in line with the medium-term strategy and strategic framework;

(b) Continue receiving information from the Office on progress made in the implementation of regional, global and thematic programmes, as well as on progress made with regard to integrating lessons learned and recommendations from evaluations within and across regions, ensuring complementarities among programmes and their alignment with the strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 and the strategy of the Office for the period 2012-2015;

(c) Continue discussing with the Office the implementation of results-based management and budgeting;

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<sup>6</sup> The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime definition of “integrated programming approach” also includes programme review committee-approved country programmes.

**Continuous support for promoting a culture of evaluation within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at all stages of programme planning, development and implementation**

9. *Recalls* that the working group has been provided with numerous presentations on evaluation findings, on which occasions participants have reiterated the importance of having a sustainable, effective and operationally independent corporate evaluation function at the Office, focused on the implementation, performance and impact of integrated programmes and their consistency with mandates of the Office;

10. *Requests* the working group to invite the Independent Evaluation Unit to:

(a) Continue providing the working group with evaluation findings on the programmes of the Office;

(b) Continue promoting a culture of evaluation throughout the Office at all stages of programme planning, development and implementation;

(c) Continue working with the Office in monitoring the implementation of recommendations made by relevant oversight bodies;

(d) Continue working with the Office on building increased coordination between evaluation, audit and other oversight bodies, with the aim of building a coordinated continuum of oversight of the projects and programmes of the Office;

**Continuous support for strengthening human resources governance to improve gender balance and geographical representation**

11. *Recalls* that the working group has been discussing the question of geographical representation and gender balance in the composition of the staff of the Office, as part of its efforts to improve the governance of the Office;

12. *Requests* the working group to:

(a) Continue discussing the issue of gender and geographical representation and its evolution under a specific agenda item, in order to discuss possible measures for improvement in this area;

(b) Continue receiving updated and comprehensive information, including in a disaggregated way, on the composition of the staff and the recruitment policies of the Office.

**Resolution 58/2**

**Supporting the availability, accessibility and diversity of scientific evidence-based treatment and care for children and young people with substance use disorders**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,<sup>7</sup> the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,<sup>8</sup> the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971<sup>9</sup> and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,<sup>10</sup>

*Recalling in particular* article 38 of the 1961 Convention as amended, according to which parties to the Convention shall give special attention to and take all practicable measures for the prevention of abuse of drugs and for the early identification, treatment, education, aftercare, rehabilitation and social reintegration of the persons involved and shall coordinate their efforts to those ends,

*Bearing in mind* the Convention on the Rights of the Child,<sup>11</sup> which provides, in its article 33, that States parties should take all appropriate measures, including legislative, administrative, social and educational measures, to protect children from the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as defined in the relevant international treaties, and to prevent the use of children in the illicit production and trafficking of such substances,

*Recalling* the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session<sup>12</sup> and the determination of Member States to provide the necessary resources for treatment and rehabilitation and to enable social reintegration so as to restore dignity and hope to children, young people, women and men with substance use disorders,

*Reaffirming* the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>13</sup>

*Bearing in mind* that children and young people are our most precious asset and must be protected,

*Noting with grave concern* the increasingly young age of children and young people with substance use disorders in some countries,

*Stressing* the importance of a multisectoral and fully coordinated approach in which multiple government agencies and non-governmental organizations within communities cooperate, in accordance with national legislation, in order to support the development of a full continuum of policies and programmes that promote prevention, early identification and intervention, treatment, care, rehabilitation, social reintegration, sustained recovery and related support services, as appropriate,

*Recalling* its resolution 57/6 of 21 March 2014 and the need to provide specialized training and supervision for health- and social-care professionals,

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<sup>7</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

<sup>12</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.

<sup>13</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

including professionals in civil society, who work with young people with substance use disorders,

*Recognizing* the special needs of young people with substance use disorders, including those with co-occurring problems such as mental health and family issues, and the related necessity of providing scientific evidence-based substance use disorder treatment and care services, in accordance with national legislation, using a range of scientific evidence-based interventions individually tailored to addressing the severity of the problem,

*Recognizing also* the efforts of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Health Organization to raise awareness of drug use disorders and the special needs of young people and to provide technical assistance to Member States to improve the services available for young people with substance use disorders,

*Emphasizing* the need to ensure access for young people to equal and adequate scientific evidence-based substance use disorder treatment, and simultaneous access to information on healthy lifestyles, including for young people in the prison system, in accordance with national legislation,

*Acknowledging with concern* the barriers that prevent young people from accessing youth-friendly services for the treatment and care of drug use disorders, such as mental health disorders, including barriers such as negative labelling and fear of social, employment or legal repercussions, and also acknowledging with concern the lack of differentiated services, the lack of effective scientific evidence-based treatment programmes, the lack of resources and the fear of negative consequences, including within and for their families,

*Stressing* the importance of taking into account human rights obligations in the implementation of substance use disorder treatment programmes and policies, particularly those focusing on young people, families and communities,

*Recognizing* the need to take into account individual differences among young people, such as age, developmental stage, gender, educational and cultural background, severity of substance use disorders, consumption patterns, polydrug use and co-morbidity, when developing differentiated scientific evidence-based substance use disorder treatment and care services,

*Stressing* that scientific evidence-based treatment approaches may benefit from the inclusion of family members, community members or other significant individuals,

1. *Invites* Member States, in accordance with their national legislation, to consider means, as appropriate, to provide measures to encourage non-discriminatory attitudes towards children and young people with substance use disorders, to help reduce marginalization and discrimination and to promote scientific evidence-based treatment, with a public health perspective, sustained recovery and social reintegration, partnering with different levels of governmental authority, including but not limited to ministries and local authorities for welfare, health and education and, where appropriate, with civil society and communities in the context of drug demand reduction efforts;

2. *Encourages* Member States to provide scientific evidence-based substance use disorder treatment and care services that take into account a public

health perspective and are sensitive to the needs of young people with substance use disorders and which take into account factors such as age, gender, educational and cultural background, severity of the substance use disorder and aggravating factors such as polydrug use, consumption patterns and co-morbidity, to increase the coverage of existing programmes, to ensure that programmes are accessible to all, free of discrimination and voluntary, and, whenever possible and in accordance with national legislation, to offer programmes for youth in prisons, during their transition back into society, on probation or in residential care facilities, and to ensure training and supervision for all relevant health- and social-care professionals working with these populations;

3. *Also encourages* Member States to consider implementing scientific evidence-based treatment and sustained recovery programmes, such as psychosocial care, for children and young people that may involve the inclusion of family members, community members or other significant individuals;

4. *Further encourages* Member States to continue to gather scientific evidence, in accordance with national legislation and in cooperation with competent organizations, on substance use disorder treatment and care for children and young people, as appropriate, and to share evidence about such treatment and care;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, together with other relevant United Nations organizations and other competent international organizations, including the World Health Organization, to continue to gather scientific evidence on successful programmes for the treatment and care of young people with substance use disorders and to provide Member States, upon request, with guidance and assistance in developing strategies and programmes adapted to their national needs;

6. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources or in-kind contributions to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations, in order to support Member States, upon request, in needs assessments, capacity-building and improving the knowledge and skills of their policymakers, practitioners, researchers and professionals working with young people in the area of substance use disorder treatment.

### **Resolution 58/3**

#### **Promoting the protection of children and young people, with particular reference to the illicit sale and purchase of internationally or nationally controlled substances and of new psychoactive substances via the Internet**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World

Drug Problem,<sup>14</sup> adopted during the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission and by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/182 of 18 December 2009, in which it was stated that Member States should ensure that prevention programmes targeted and involved youth and children, with a view to increasing their reach and effectiveness, and that the drug problem continued to pose a serious threat to the health, safety and well-being of all humanity, in particular youth,<sup>15</sup>

*Recalling also* the commitments made in the Convention on the Rights of the Child,<sup>16</sup> which provides in its article 33 that States parties should take all appropriate measures, including legislative, administrative, social and educational measures, to protect children from the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as defined in the relevant international treaties, and to prevent the use of children in the illicit production of and trafficking in such substances,

*Recalling further* the *Guidelines for Governments on Preventing the Illegal Sale of Internationally Controlled Substances through the Internet*,<sup>17</sup> in which the International Narcotics Control Board recommended a wide range of actions, including administrative, legislative and regulatory provisions, to be taken by Governments to curb the illegal sale of internationally controlled substances,

*Noting with appreciation* the publication, in 2013, of the *International Standards on Drug Use Prevention* by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

*Recalling that*, in its resolution 50/11 of 16 March 2007, on international cooperation in preventing the illegal distribution of internationally controlled licit substances via the Internet, the Commission recognized that the illegal distribution of internationally controlled licit substances via the Internet was an escalating problem and that the unsupervised use of such substances purchased through the Internet by the general public, in particular underage persons, constituted a serious risk to global health,

*Recalling also that*, in its resolution 55/1 of 16 March 2012, on promoting international cooperation in responding to the challenges posed by new psychoactive substances, the Commission encouraged Member States, based on the available information on patterns of use and risks to the public, including risks to young people, to adopt appropriate measures aimed at reducing supply and demand in accordance with their national legislation,

*Recalling further that*, in its resolution 57/3 of 21 March 2014, on promoting prevention of drug abuse based on scientific evidence as an investment in the well-being of children, adolescents, youth, families and communities, it exhorted all Member States to enhance and further develop prevention programmes and policies that were targeted at children, adolescents, youth, families and communities and were designed to encourage effective alternatives to drug abuse,

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<sup>14</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

<sup>15</sup> Plan of Action, para. 14 (b), and Political Declaration, first paragraph.

<sup>16</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

<sup>17</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.09.XI.6.

*Recalling* its resolution 57/9 of 21 March 2014, on enhancing international cooperation in the identification and reporting of new psychoactive substances and incidents involving such substances, in which it invited Member States, inter alia, to take appropriate measures to strengthen international cooperation in the exchange of information regarding the identification of new psychoactive substances, the methods used for their distribution, the *modi operandi* of criminal and other organizations involved in the production, processing and international distribution of such substances, including supply routes, and the use of the Internet to facilitate those activities,

1. *Invites* Member States to respond swiftly and effectively to the emerging threat posed, in particular to children and young people, by the illicit sale and purchase of internationally or nationally controlled substances and new psychoactive substances via the Internet;

2. *Encourages* Member States to develop and implement, in accordance with their national legislation, prevention strategies, programmes and measures focusing on families, schools and other relevant social settings, aimed at protecting children and young people from the potential risk associated with the illicit sale and purchase of internationally or nationally controlled substances and of new psychoactive substances via the Internet, including via social media and other social networks;

3. *Requests* Member States to implement measures aimed at raising awareness among families, in schools and in other relevant social settings about the above-mentioned potential risks, taking into account the serious consequences of those risks for the health and well-being of children and young people;

4. *Encourages* Member States to develop prevention programmes that incorporate the themes of safe use of the Internet and the risks and effects of drug abuse, including risks to health and well-being, and to support the dissemination of these messages via the means that is most appropriate to the target audience;

5. *Calls on* Member States, through bilateral, regional and international cooperation, where appropriate, to collaborate in the implementation of the present resolution through the exchange of information, best practices and technical assistance, upon request, and the establishment of international mechanisms for those working in relevant areas of the public and the private sector, with a view to improving and enhancing their ability to face this threat;

6. *Encourages* Member States to promote the development of scientific evidence-based interventions and policies to prevent and counter the illicit sale and purchase of internationally or nationally controlled substances and of new psychoactive substances via the Internet, paying specific attention to the protection of children and young people and taking into account the *International Standards on Drug Use Prevention*;<sup>18</sup>

7. *Invites* Member States to establish, in accordance with national legislation, relations with private sector entities whose services may be misused for the illicit sale and purchase of internationally or nationally controlled substances and of new psychoactive substances via the Internet, such as Internet service

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<sup>18</sup> United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Vienna, 2013).



providers, postal and courier services and financial services such as banking, credit card and electronic payment services, and request their support in investigating such operations;

8. *Invites* Member States, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization and other relevant international and regional organizations, including the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, in accordance with their competences and mandates, to share information and best practices in order to implement the present resolution;

9. *Encourages* the International Narcotics Control Board to continue its work in raising awareness of the risks posed by the illicit sale and purchase of internationally or nationally controlled substances and of new psychoactive substances via the Internet;

10. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its sixtieth session on the measures taken and on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution;

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

## **Resolution 58/4**

### **Promoting the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Alternative Development**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Reaffirming* that the world drug problem must be addressed in accordance with the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,<sup>19</sup> the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971<sup>20</sup> and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,<sup>21</sup> which constitute the framework of the international drug control system,

*Bearing in mind* the content of article 14 of the 1988 Convention regarding measures to prevent and eradicate illicit cultivation of narcotic plants and cooperation to increase the effectiveness of such measures,

*Reaffirming* that development-oriented drug policies and programmes should be undertaken in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>22</sup> and, in particular, with full respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of States, all human rights, fundamental freedoms, the inherent dignity of all individuals and the

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<sup>19</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

<sup>22</sup> General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

principles of equal rights and mutual respect among States, as well as the principle of common and shared responsibility and the Millennium Development Goals,<sup>23</sup> and taking into account the specific situations of communities, countries and regions,

*Reaffirming also* the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session<sup>24</sup> and the Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development,<sup>25</sup>

*Taking into account* the commitments contained in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>26</sup> adopted by the Commission at the high-level segment of its fifty-second session and by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/182 of 18 December 2009,

*Recalling* that, in the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>27</sup> ministers and government representatives reaffirmed the Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Alternative Development<sup>28</sup> and welcomed the efforts made by various States to significantly reduce the illicit cultivation of crops, including through development strategies such as alternative development, including preventive alternative development programmes,

*Recalling also* that, in the Joint Ministerial Statement, ministers and government representatives encouraged Member States to be guided by the United Nations Guiding Principles on Alternative Development when designing and implementing alternative development programmes, including preventive alternative development, reiterated the need to strengthen international cooperation strategies consistent with domestic legal frameworks, recognized the need for strengthening sustainable crop control strategies and also recognized the significant role played by countries with accumulated experience in alternative development,<sup>29</sup> including, as appropriate, preventive alternative development,

*Recalling with appreciation* General Assembly resolution 68/196 of 18 December 2013, in which the Assembly adopted the United Nations Guiding Principles on Alternative Development and encouraged Member States, international organizations, international financial institutions, entities and other

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<sup>23</sup> A/56/326, annex.

<sup>24</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.

<sup>25</sup> General Assembly resolution S-20/4 E.

<sup>26</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

<sup>27</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2014, Supplement No. 8 (E/2014/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

<sup>28</sup> General Assembly resolution 68/196, annex.

<sup>29</sup> In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 2006/33 of 27 July 2006, 2007/12 of 25 July 2007 and 2008/26 of 24 July 2008, the concept of alternative development includes preventive alternative development in a manner that focuses on the sustainability and integrity of uplifting people's livelihoods.

relevant stakeholders to take into account the Guiding Principles when designing and implementing alternative development programmes,

*Recalling* its resolutions 52/6 of 20 March 2009, 53/6 of 12 March 2010, 54/4 of 25 March 2011, 55/4 of 16 March 2012 and 57/1 of 21 March 2014,

*Taking note* of the report on the thematic debate of the General Assembly on drugs and crime as a threat to development, held in New York on 26 June 2012,<sup>30</sup>

*Reaffirming* that the world drug problem remains a common and shared responsibility that requires effective and increased international cooperation and demands an integrated, multidisciplinary, mutually reinforcing and balanced approach to supply and demand reduction strategies,

*Recognizing* that many challenges relating to the world drug problem have persisted and that new ones have emerged in some parts of the world, and underscoring the need to take these new trends into account in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action,

*Acknowledging* that alternative development is an important, lawful, viable and sustainable alternative to the illicit cultivation of drug crops and an effective measure to counter the world drug problem and other drug-related crime challenges that should be included in national development policies, as appropriate, and that it is a choice in favour of societies that are free of drug abuse, that it is one of the key components of policies and programmes for reducing illicit drug production and that it is an integral part of efforts made by Governments to achieve sustainable development within their societies by addressing the socioeconomic factors and effects of the world drug problem,

*Reaffirming* that alternative development, which includes, as appropriate, preventive alternative development strategies and programmes, should be formulated and implemented by taking into account the vulnerability and specific needs of the communities and groups affected by the illicit cultivation of crops used for drug production and manufacture, within the broader framework of national policies,

*Noting with concern* that overall financial support for alternative development projects and programmes, including preventive alternative development, as appropriate, has only accounted for a minor share of official development assistance and has only reached a minor percentage of communities and households involved in illicit drug crop cultivation on a global level,

*Recognizing* the importance of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 as a milestone on the way to 2019, which has been set as the target date in the Political Declaration for the review of implementation, while recalling the role played by the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, held in 1998, in defining and furthering the concept of alternative development,

*Welcoming* the forthcoming *World Drug Report 2015* of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, which will contain a chapter on alternative development,

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<sup>30</sup> Available on the website of the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session ([www.un.org/en/ga/president/66/Issues/drugs/drugs-crime.shtml](http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/66/Issues/drugs/drugs-crime.shtml)).

*Recognizing* the significant role played by countries with extensive expertise in alternative development, including preventive alternative development, as appropriate, in promoting best practices and lessons learned from such programmes, and inviting them to continue sharing those best practices and lessons learned with States affected by illicit crop cultivation, as well as with other interested Member States, including States emerging from conflict, with a view to using them, as appropriate, in accordance with the national specificities of each State,

1. *Calls upon* Member States to take the United Nations Guiding Principles on Alternative Development<sup>31</sup> into due consideration when designing, implementing and evaluating alternative development programmes and projects, including preventive alternative development programmes and projects, as appropriate, thereby contributing to the dissemination and implementation of the Guiding Principles;

2. *Calls upon* Member States and other donors to consider long-term support for alternative development programmes and projects, including, as appropriate, preventive alternative development programmes and projects, targeting the illicit cultivation of crops and addressing related factors, in order to contribute to the sustainability of social and economic development, to poverty eradication and to strengthening the rule of law, including through enhanced development-oriented approaches that implement measures for rural development, strengthen local governments and institutions, improve infrastructure and promote the participation of local communities, while also taking into account the special need for employment opportunities for women and girls;

3. *Encourages* Member States to maintain and strengthen international cooperation, coordination and stakeholder ownership to support sustainable alternative development programmes, including preventive alternative development programmes, where appropriate, as essential parts of successful crop control strategies, in order to increase the positive outcome of such programmes, especially in areas affected by or at risk of the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, taking into account the United Nations Guiding Principles on Alternative Development;

4. *Encourages* relevant international financial institutions, United Nations organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to increase their rural development support for regions and populations affected by the illicit cultivation of drug crops through long-term and flexible funding, and encourages affected States, to the extent possible, to remain strongly committed to financing alternative development programmes, including preventive alternative development, as appropriate;

5. *Encourages* Member States with extensive expertise in alternative development, including preventive alternative development, as appropriate, to continue sharing, upon request, best practices and to continue fostering and strengthening international cooperation on integral and sustainable alternative development, which in some cases includes preventive alternative development, including cross-continental and interregional cooperation and subregional and regional technical cooperation;

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<sup>31</sup> General Assembly resolution 68/196, annex.

6. *Notes* that implementing the Guiding Principles will require a long-term commitment by Member States, dialogue and cooperation among relevant stakeholders, ranging from local communities and authorities to policymakers at the national and regional levels, and close collaboration among the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, other international organizations, regional organizations, development agencies, donors and financial institutions, as well as civil society, in order to share information and best practices and increase efforts to promote sustainable alternative development, in accordance with the Guiding Principles;

7. *Welcomes* the proposal by the Government of Thailand to host an international seminar/workshop on the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Alternative Development;

8. *Invites* Member States, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, international financial institutions, donors, regional and international organizations, civil society and other relevant stakeholders involved in alternative development, including preventive alternative development, to consider actively participating in the international seminar/workshop;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

## **Resolution 58/5**

### **Supporting the collaboration of public health and justice authorities in pursuing alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Aware* that substance use disorders are medical and psychosocial conditions that should receive appropriate treatment,

*Aware also* that a significant number of persons with substance use disorders come into contact with the criminal justice system, where they may not have access to or receive care or treatment,<sup>32</sup>

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 69/192 of 18 December 2014, in which the Assembly recommended that Member States continue to endeavour to reduce prison overcrowding and, where appropriate, resort to non-custodial measures as alternatives to pretrial detention, to promote increased access to justice and legal defence mechanisms, to reinforce alternatives to imprisonment and to support rehabilitation and reintegration programmes, in accordance with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for Non-custodial Measures (the Tokyo Rules),<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> *World Drug Report 2014* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.14.XI.7), p. 13.

<sup>33</sup> General Assembly resolution 45/110, annex.

*Reminding* Member States of the possibility of providing alternative measures, including non-custodial measures, at the pretrial, trial and sentencing stages for drug-related offences of a minor nature, in accordance with the Tokyo Rules,

*Noting* that such alternative measures to conviction or punishment may normally be applied to drug-related offences of a minor, non-violent nature,

*Noting also* that properly implemented, scientific evidence-based interventions and drug treatment for such individuals may assist in their recovery from substance use disorders, reduce the likelihood of future illegal activities and promote effective health and rehabilitation outcomes,<sup>34</sup>

*Recalling* that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,<sup>35</sup> the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971<sup>36</sup> and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988<sup>37</sup> establish, to varying degrees in specific situations, that States may provide, either as an alternative to conviction or punishment or in addition to conviction or punishment, that drug-using offenders should be offered measures such as treatment, education, aftercare, rehabilitation or social reintegration,

*Recalling also* that in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem<sup>38</sup> it is stated that Member States should, working within their legal frameworks and in compliance with applicable international law, consider allowing the full implementation of drug dependence treatment and care options for offenders, in particular, when appropriate, providing treatment as an alternative to incarceration,

*Recalling further* Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 55/12 of 16 March 2012, entitled “Alternatives to imprisonment for certain offences as demand reduction strategies that promote public health and public safety”,

*Recalling* that the world drug problem remains a common and shared responsibility that requires effective and increased international cooperation and demands an integrated, multidisciplinary, mutually reinforcing and balanced approach to drug supply and demand reduction strategies,

*Noting* that providing effective alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature may reduce prison overcrowding,

*Recalling* the principle that it is the responsibility of States to define crimes and determine appropriate punishment,

*Noting* the provision of a range of comprehensive health services for those affected by substance use disorders implemented through components of the justice

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<sup>34</sup> United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, “From coercion to cohesion: treating drug dependence through health care, not punishment”, discussion paper based on a scientific workshop, Vienna, 28-30 October 2009, p. 4.

<sup>35</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, art. 36, para. 1 (b), and art. 38.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956, art. 20 and art. 22, para. 1 (b).

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1582, No. 27627, art. 3, para. 4 (c) and (d).

<sup>38</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

system, for example screening and treatment for substance use disorders, prevention and treatment of overdose, recovery support services, prevention of and treatment for HIV, hepatitis and other infectious diseases, and mental health disorders, in order to minimize the negative public health and social impacts of substance use disorders,

*Noting also* the provision of comprehensive health services combined with alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature,<sup>39</sup> for example reduced or suspended sentences, diversion programmes before or during trial, home detention, community service, fines, victim restitution, random drug testing and/or tracking via the Global Positioning System, in order to develop an effective combination of limited sanctions and treatment that may result in more effective crime reduction, better health outcomes and lower costs to the State,

*Noting further* that some Member States have public health care and rehabilitation programmes that are accessible to all, and are able to grant access to those health services to individuals within the criminal justice system,

*Noting* that, by working together, the public health and criminal justice authorities can better utilize resources to benefit the health, safety and well-being of those with substance use disorders, their families and their communities,

*Mindful* that justice and health authorities in Member States may wish to build capacity to provide scientific evidence-based public health services, such as behavioural and medication-assisted drug treatment, and recovery support services, in order to effectively implement alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature,

*Welcoming* the ongoing work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in promoting scientific evidence-based sentencing reforms, drug treatment and recovery support services,

1. *Invites* Member States, through collaboration between the health and justice authorities, to use a wide range of alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature in order to improve public health and safety for individuals, families and societies;

2. *Encourages* Member States to develop or adopt alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature that promote the rehabilitation and reintegration into society of persons affected by substance use disorders who have committed drug-related offences of a minor nature, as appropriate;

3. *Invites* Member States to strengthen their efforts to provide appropriate measures aimed at reducing demand for drugs and promoting public health, in particular for those convicted of drug-related offences of a minor nature, by offering alternative measures to conviction or punishment, in appropriate cases, bearing in mind the specific conditions of each country and region;

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<sup>39</sup> See *Handbook of Basic Principles and Promising Practices on Alternatives to Imprisonment*, Criminal Justice Handbook Series (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.07.XI.2).

4. *Encourages* Member States and international and regional organizations to collect and share, as appropriate, scientific information, research, best practices and data on results of collaboration between the justice and public health authorities in the use of alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature;

5. *Encourages* public health and justice authorities to establish appropriate mechanisms to promote effective collaboration, regular communication and exchange of information on the implementation of alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature and on the provision of treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration programmes and their impact on crime and the misuse of drugs;

6. *Encourages* Member States to provide capacity-building, including training for justice officials, on substance use disorders and the effectiveness of scientific evidence-based treatment in order to minimize the negative public health and social impacts of substance use disorders and to promote humane and effective treatment to offenders affected by substance use disorders;

7. *Invites* Member States, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other relevant international and regional organizations, to provide, upon request, technical assistance and training related to expanding and improving justice and public health collaboration for effective implementation of alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature, inter alia, treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration programmes;

8. *Also invites* Member States to consider reviewing their drug sentencing policies and practices to facilitate collaboration between justice and public health authorities in the development and implementation of initiatives that utilize alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature, subject to the legal frameworks of Member States;

9. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in consultation with Member States and, as appropriate, relevant international and regional organizations, to provide guidelines and/or tools on the collaboration of justice and health authorities on alternative measures to conviction or punishment for appropriate drug-related offences of a minor nature;

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

11. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to include progress towards implementing the present resolution in his report to the Commission at its sixtieth session.



## Resolution 58/6

### **Strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking, from the anti-money-laundering perspective**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Noting* the commitments undertaken by Member States in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,<sup>40</sup> which, together with the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto<sup>41</sup> and the United Nations Convention against Corruption,<sup>42</sup> provides a fundamental global framework of international standards for States parties for preventing and combating money-laundering,

*Recalling* the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>43</sup> in which Member States were urged to continue to foster international cooperation with a view to preventing and identifying cases of laundering of money derived from drug trafficking and with a view to conducting investigations and criminal prosecutions in that regard,

*Noting* with deep concern the links that in some cases exist between illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking and the financing of terrorism,

*Noting also* the efforts undertaken by the partners of the Paris Pact initiative, on the basis of the Vienna Declaration adopted by the Third Ministerial Conference of the Paris Pact Partners,<sup>44</sup> to prevent and combat illicit financial flows linked to trafficking in opiates,

*Reiterating* its call to Member States, in their efforts to combat the laundering of money derived from illicit drug trafficking and other serious crimes, to continue to foster international cooperation by implementing the provisions against money-laundering contained in all relevant international instruments, such as the 1988 Convention, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto and the Convention against Corruption, and, in accordance with national legislation, the Forty Recommendations on Money-Laundering of the Financial Action Task Force, within its mandate, and by, among other things, establishing new or strengthening existing domestic legislative frameworks to criminalize the laundering of money derived from drug trafficking, the trafficking in and diversion of precursors and other serious crimes of a transnational nature in order to provide for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of money-laundering,

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<sup>40</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*, vols. 2225, 2237, 2241 and 2326, No. 39574.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2349, No. 42146.

<sup>43</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

<sup>44</sup> See E/CN.7/2012/17.

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 66/177 of 19 December 2011, on strengthening international cooperation in combating the harmful effects of illicit financial flows resulting from criminal activities, in which the Assembly noted with interest the work undertaken in countering money-laundering within the framework of relevant specialized regional and international bodies,

*Recalling also* its resolution 52/9 of 20 March 2009, on strengthening measures against the laundering of assets derived from drug trafficking and related offences,

*Expressing concern* that the laundering of money derived from illicit drug trafficking and other serious crimes continues to be a global problem that threatens the security and stability of financial institutions and systems and may weaken governance systems and undermine national economies and the rule of law,

*Expressing concern also* that, according to the report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime entitled *Estimating Illicit Financial Flows Resulting from Drug Trafficking and Other Transnational Organized Crimes*,<sup>45</sup> less than 1 per cent of the total proceeds of drug trafficking, estimated at 322 billion United States dollars per year, is confiscated, and stressing in this regard the need to achieve better results through increased and strengthened cooperation and participation in anti-money-laundering efforts at the national, regional and global levels,

*Noting* that drug traffickers are making increasing use of new information technologies, including the Internet, online payment systems and virtual currencies, as well as vulnerabilities in financial systems, including in financial centres,

*Recognizing* the contribution of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to strengthening the ability of Member States to implement measures against money-laundering linked to drug trafficking and to assist them in preventing and combating illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking,

*Noting* the work currently being undertaken by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on analysing drug trafficking from a business model perspective,

*Noting also* that, at present, there is a need to continue to improve international cooperation to facilitate the secure and rapid exchange of information between Member States on illicit financial flows related to drug trafficking and laundering the proceeds thereof, with a view to the prompt freezing of the relevant assets, as appropriate, and further investigation by Member States, in accordance with national legislation,

*Recognizing* the importance of analysis and understanding of how drug traffickers and those involved in related money-laundering activities receive, transfer, use and store money, for the development of national anti-money-laundering strategies and allocating resources for the adoption of practical and effective measures to undermine the drug trafficking business model,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made by Member States in establishing legislative and institutional systems and procedures to prevent and combat illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking, and encourages the further development of such systems and procedures;

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<sup>45</sup> Vienna, 2011.

2. *Calls upon* Member States to continue to foster international cooperation by implementing, as applicable, the provisions against money-laundering contained in relevant international and multilateral instruments;

3. *Calls upon* Member States, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other international organizations, within their respective mandates, to continue to analyse illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking and their interaction with the licit economy and to identify, where appropriate, key vulnerabilities in the business models of drug traffickers and money-laundering networks;

4. *Calls upon* Member States to consider building upon the results of relevant analysis, to put into practice necessary measures to prevent and combat illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking, including for reducing the vulnerabilities of financial systems and of designated non-financial businesses and professions to the infiltration of illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking;

5. *Invites* Member States, in accordance with national legislation, to develop methodologies for collecting information on financial transactions related to drug trafficking and laundering the proceeds thereof, and encourages the investigation of drug trafficking cases to be accompanied by a parallel analysis of the financial component of those cases and the disclosure of schemes of laundering the proceeds from drug trafficking;

6. *Calls upon* Member States to exchange good practices and experiences, including, when appropriate, through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to enhance the prevention and combating of illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking;

7. *Also calls upon* Member States to strengthen national and international cooperation among law enforcement agencies, financial intelligence units and other agencies engaged in countering money-laundering;

8. *Welcomes* the level of interaction already achieved between Member States and the private financial sector with regard to identifying trends and exchanging relevant information related to illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking, and encourages Member States, in accordance with national legislation and, where necessary, with the support of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other relevant regional and international organizations, to enhance that interaction, including in financial centres and vulnerable commercial sectors;

9. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to work, as appropriate and within existing resources, with Member States and relevant organizations to collate good practices in existing regional and multilateral systems and procedures designed to alert Member States about illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking and laundering the proceeds thereof;

10. *Encourages* Member States, in accordance with national legislation, to cooperate with the private sector, including financial institutions, designated non-financial businesses and professions and providers of money or value transfer services, in order to identify financial transactions related to drug trafficking and laundering the proceeds thereof, with a view to further investigation;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-ninth session on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

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

## **Resolution 58/7**

### **Strengthening cooperation with the scientific community, including academia, and promoting scientific research in drug demand and supply reduction policies in order to find effective solutions to various aspects of the world drug problem**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Bearing in mind* the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>46</sup> in which ministers and government representatives acknowledged the need to scientifically evaluate drug supply reduction measures in order to direct government resources to initiatives that have proved to be successful in tackling the causes of the world drug problem,

*Recalling* the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>47</sup> in which Member States undertook to ensure that drug demand reduction measures are based on scientific evidence-based assessments of the nature and extent of the drug problem, as well as on the social and cultural characteristics of the population in need,

*Mindful* of the need to respect internationally accepted standards for scientific research,

*Reaffirming* the commitments undertaken by the parties to the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988<sup>48</sup> to facilitate the exchange of scientific information and the conduct of research on the eradication of illicit cultivation of narcotic plants,

*Recalling* its resolution 48/8 of 11 March 2005, entitled “Application of research in practice”,

*Recalling also* its resolution 55/10 of 16 March 2012, entitled “Promoting evidence-based drug prevention strategies and policies”,

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<sup>46</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2014, Supplement No. 8 (E/2014/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

<sup>47</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

<sup>48</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.

*Convinced* that the analysis of scientific data and the sharing of experience are of utmost importance in preventing the diversion of precursors and other substances under international control that are used in the illicit production and manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

*Underscoring* the importance of further enhancing scientific analysis of challenges presented by current and emerging dangerous new substances, including new psychoactive substances, particularly their manufacture, patterns of use and adverse consequences, in order to support Member States in their drug demand and supply reduction efforts,

*Recalling* article 38 bis of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,<sup>49</sup>

*Taking into account* that Member States develop various practical approaches addressing the world drug problem within the framework of the three international drug control conventions, and stressing the need to scientifically assess their effectiveness in achieving their goals, in particular in ensuring access to narcotic drugs for the relief of pain and suffering, while preventing their diversion or abuse,

*Recognizing* the need to increase investment in scientific evidence-based research and evaluation in order to properly implement and assess effective drug demand and supply reduction policies and related programmes,

1. *Notes* the initiative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to convene an informal international scientific network composed of scientists nominated by Member States, and invites the Office to continue this initiative, to communicate its outcomes to Member States in order to facilitate a closer dialogue between Member States and the scientific community, including academia, and to brief Member States periodically on the status of the initiative;

2. *Takes note* of the *International Standards on Drug Use Prevention*, prepared by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,<sup>50</sup> which constitute an important tool summarizing the scientific literature currently available and serving as a practical guide for policymakers worldwide, and invites the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to consider the further development of practical scientific evidence-based guidelines, for example on treatment, that may include appropriate measures to reduce significantly the misuse of internationally controlled drugs and psychotropic substances, while promoting their adequate availability for medical, scientific and industrial purposes;

3. *Underlines* the need for Member States to cooperate closely with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Health Organization, the International Narcotics Control Board and other international and regional organizations, as well as the scientific community, including academia, in contributing to the scientific assessment of drug demand and supply reduction policies, drug markets and drug-related crime;

4. *Welcomes* the action points of the expert consultation on new psychoactive substances held jointly by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Health Organization in Vienna from 9 to 11 December 2014,

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<sup>49</sup> Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>50</sup> Vienna, 2013.

and calls upon Member States to continue to deepen knowledge of the threats posed by such substances, in close cooperation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the International Narcotics Control Board, the World Health Organization and other relevant international and regional organizations, as well as the scientific community, including academia;

5. *Supports* the ongoing efforts of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board to develop, coordinate and publish the results of research on precursors of narcotic drugs in collaboration with the international scientific community in order to better understand emerging clandestine manufacturing and drug abuse trends;

6. *Recognizes* the importance of scientific laboratories, including the Laboratory and Scientific Section of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in assisting Member States, upon request, in the formulation of scientific evidence-based demand and supply reduction policies, and encourages Member States to strengthen the capability of existing scientific laboratories and to undertake efforts to establish new scientific laboratories as necessary;

7. *Encourages* Member States to continuously share the latest scientific research, taking into account contributions of the national, regional and international scientific community, including academia, on the most effective demand and supply reduction strategies, in accordance with the three international drug control conventions and other relevant international laws, and taking into account the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem;<sup>51</sup>

8. *Invites* Member States and other donors to consider providing extrabudgetary resources for the purposes of the present resolution, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission, at its fifty-ninth session, on progress in implementing the present resolution.

## **Resolution 58/8**

### **Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>52</sup> adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/182 of 18 December 2009,

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<sup>51</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

<sup>52</sup> *Ibid.*

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 68/197 of 18 December 2013 and 69/201 of 18 December 2014, entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem”,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 69/200 of 18 December 2014, entitled “Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”,

*Recalling its* resolution 57/5 of 21 March 2014, entitled “Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”,

*Recalling also* its decision 57/2 of 4 December 2014, entitled “Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”,

1. *Welcomes* the decision made by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/200 that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, should lead the preparatory process for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner;

2. *Decides*, in response to the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/200, to continue to take all possible measures to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process for the special session by using its existing meeting and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner;

3. *Also decides* that, in preparation for the special session, it will hold formal meetings following its fifty-eighth session, including two formal meetings during its reconvened fifty-eighth session in December 2015, and up to eight meetings during its fifty-ninth session, to be held in March 2016, and that it will hold intersessional meetings with a view to preparing for those formal meetings;

4. *Recalls* the invitation by the General Assembly to the President of the Assembly to support, guide and stay involved in the preparatory process, notes with appreciation the ongoing coordination with the President of the Assembly, and looks forward to continuing close cooperation with the President of the Assembly in the preparations for the special session;

5. *Resolves* to inform the General Assembly regularly about the work it is undertaking in preparation for the special session, including by presenting a report on the progress made in the preparations to the Assembly during the consideration by the Assembly, at its seventieth session, of the agenda item on international cooperation to address the world drug problem;

6. *Decides* to recommend to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly:

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012, entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem”, in which it decided to convene, in early 2016, a special session on the world drug problem to review the progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration

and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>53</sup> including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 68/197 of 18 December 2013 and 69/201 of 18 December 2014, entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem”,

*Recalling further* its resolution 69/200 of 18 December 2014, entitled “Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”,

1. *Welcomes* Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 58/8 of 17 March 2015;

2. *Decides* that the special session on the world drug problem will be convened for three days, from 19 to 21 April 2016, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, scheduled to be held in March 2016;

3. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the special session will be as follows:

(a) The special session shall consist of a general debate and interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables conducted in parallel to the plenary;

(b) The opening of the special session shall include statements by the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the President of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Director General of the World Health Organization;

(c) The general debate shall include statements by the regional groups, Member States, observer States and observers, relevant international organizations and representatives of non-governmental organizations;

(d) Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to participate in the special session in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the General Assembly;

(e) In accordance with the rules of procedure and practices developed for other special sessions of the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which will take into consideration inputs from other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, shall draw up a list of representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, representatives of civil society and the scientific community, academia, youth groups and other relevant stakeholders that may participate in the special session, with due regard to geographical balance;

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<sup>53</sup> Ibid.



(f) The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the entity leading the preparations for the special session, shall address in an open-ended manner, supported and guided by the President of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements, including chairing arrangements, speakers and participation, for the following round tables, while considering the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,<sup>54</sup> in line with General Assembly resolutions 67/193 and 69/201:

Round table 1: Demand reduction and related measures, including prevention and treatment, as well as health-related issues; and ensuring the availability of controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion (“drugs and health”):

- (i) Demand reduction and related measures, including prevention and treatment, as well as health-related issues, including HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care;
- (ii) Ensuring the availability of controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion;

Round table 2: Supply reduction and related measures; responses to drug-related crime; and countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation (“drugs and crime”):

- (i) Domestic, regional and cross-regional responses to drug-related crime; and countering money-laundering, including, where appropriate, in connection with the financing of terrorism, and promoting judicial cooperation in criminal matters;
- (ii) Addressing emerging issues, including new psychoactive substances, precursors and the misuse of the Internet;

Round table 3: Cross-cutting issues: drugs and human rights, youth, women, children and communities:

- (i) Addressing drug-related issues in full conformity with the purposes and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>55</sup> and other relevant international law, including the three drug control conventions;
- (ii) Drugs and youth, women, children and communities;

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<sup>54</sup> Ibid.

<sup>55</sup> General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

Round table 4: Cross-cutting issues: new challenges, threats and realities in preventing and addressing the world drug problem in compliance with relevant international law, including the three drug control conventions; strengthening the principle of common and shared responsibility and international cooperation:

- (i) New challenges, threats and realities in preventing and addressing the world drug problem in compliance with relevant international law, including the three drug control conventions;
- (ii) Strengthening the principle of common and shared responsibility and enhancing international cooperation, including technical assistance, leading up to 2019;

Round table 5: Alternative development; regional, interregional and international cooperation on development-oriented balanced drug control policy; addressing socioeconomic issues:

- (i) Drugs, addressing socioeconomic issues and fostering alternative development, including preventive alternative development;
- (ii) Enhancing regional, interregional and international cooperation on development-oriented, balanced drug control policy;
- (g) A summary of the salient points raised during the round tables will be prepared by the Chairs of those round tables, to be presented at the plenary;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the entity leading the preparations for the special session by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner, to report to the General Assembly at its special session on the preparations that have been undertaken for the session, through the Chair of the Board tasked by the Commission with the preparations for the special session, which was established by the Commission in its decision 57/2 of 4 December 2014;

5. *Also requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to produce a short, substantive, concise and action-oriented document comprising a set of operational recommendations, based upon a review of the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements as well as ways to address long-standing and emerging challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments, and decides that the document, to be recommended for adoption at the plenary of the special session, should, inter alia, address measures to reach an effective balance between supply and demand reduction and address the key causes and consequences of the world drug problem, including those in the health, social, human rights, economic, justice and security fields, in line with the principle of common and shared responsibility;

6. *Reiterates* the importance of an inclusive preparatory process, including extensive substantive consultations, and encourages organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, relevant international and regional organizations, civil society, academia, the scientific community and other relevant stakeholders to continue to fully contribute to the process by actively participating

in the preparations by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure and established practice;

7. *Encourages* all Member States, observer States and observers to consider being represented at the special session at the highest possible level;

8. *Also encourages* all Member States, observer States and observers to consider the possible participation of youth representatives at the special session;

9. *Reaffirms* its decision in resolution 67/193 to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing regular budget resources;

10. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for the purposes set out in the present resolution, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.

## **Resolution 58/9**

### **Promoting the role of drug analysis laboratories worldwide and reaffirming the importance of the quality of the analysis and results of such laboratories**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 834 (IX) of 14 December 1954, on the United Nations Narcotics Laboratory, and the note by the Secretary-General of 15 October 1954<sup>56</sup> indicating the importance of situating the Laboratory in the same place as the Division of Narcotic Drugs, and noting the contribution of the Laboratory to the efforts of Member States in countering the issues of drugs and crime over the past 60 years,

*Recalling also* its resolution 50/4 of 16 March 2007, in which the Commission recognized the important role of drug analysis laboratories as part of national drug control systems, and the value of laboratory results and data to criminal justice systems, law enforcement and health authorities and policymakers,

*Reaffirming*, in accordance with its resolutions 50/4 and 52/7 of 20 March 2009, that the quality of the analysis and results of drug analysis laboratories has significant implications for the justice system, law enforcement and preventive health care, as well as for the international harmonization and worldwide exchange and coordination of drug information and data,

*Reaffirming also*, in accordance with its resolutions 50/4 and 52/7, the added value of the international quality assurance support of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in providing means for the continued monitoring of the situation of participating laboratories throughout the world and in identifying factors affecting laboratory performance and areas where improvements can be made, including how best to target support, thus providing an evidence base for technical assistance projects and for monitoring their effectiveness,

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<sup>56</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/C.3/573.

*Recalling* that, in its resolution 52/7, the Commission called upon Member States and subregional, regional and international entities to contribute to the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime by providing expertise for the development of cooperative networks among laboratories and by exploring innovative ways to ensure the more effective exchange of expertise and information worldwide,

*Recalling also* its resolution 57/9 of 21 March 2014, in which the Commission recognized the continued value to Member States of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends programme, in particular the early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances, with regard to identifying, monitoring and reporting on a large number of new psychoactive substances,

*Reaffirming*, in accordance with its resolution 54/3 of 25 March 2011, that access to reference samples of controlled substances is an essential quality assurance requirement for achieving the reliability of the analysis and results of drug analysis laboratories,

*Recalling* its resolution 56/5 of 15 March 2013, in which the Commission noted with concern the differences in capacity of drug analysis laboratory services in Member States, which prevented the exchange of drug information and reduced the value of laboratory results to law enforcement authorities, and invited Member States to ensure that relevant samples, in particular samples taken in connection with international investigations and for intelligence purposes, could be submitted to forensic laboratories with the requisite expertise for profiling analyses to establish forensic links,

*Acknowledging* that one of the strategic goals of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as stated in the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 for the Office and the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 for the Office, is to increase the capacity and improve the performance of drug analysis laboratories to meet internationally accepted standards so that they can provide their clients with reliable data,

*Acknowledging also* that there is still a growing need for laboratories to be supported in their analytical work, services and training of experts,

*Emphasizing* the importance of ensuring the quality and reliability of the results of drug analysis laboratories, and emphasizing especially that the quality and reliability of such results are a matter of protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and ensuring public safety and effective law enforcement,

*Emphasizing also* that the continuity of the work of drug analysis laboratories and maintaining and enhancing the effectiveness and capacity of such laboratories are essential in countering new challenges such as the identification and analysis of emerging new psychoactive substances,

*Emphasizing further* that international cooperation and the full utilization of existing networks and projects are of the utmost importance in continuing, maintaining and further strengthening the performance of drug analysis laboratories,

1. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue enhancing the analytical work of drug analysis laboratories in Member States by

making reference and test samples of controlled substances and new psychoactive substances available, identifying best practices, sharing standard methods that are based on relevant research, training experts and facilitating the exchange of information and data;

2. *Requests* Member States, in accordance with Commission resolution 54/3, to further review and enhance national procedures, as appropriate, to ease access to reference and test samples of internationally controlled substances for scientific purposes;

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to evaluate, upon request, the performance of laboratories through its quality assurance programme for drug analysis laboratories and the international collaborative exercises programme, and to provide assistance to develop and enhance their services;

4. *Calls upon* Member States to provide expertise for the enhancement of the performance of laboratories and to make efforts towards the effective exchange of forensic laboratory information worldwide;

5. *Invites* Member States to ensure that, where appropriate, samples of internationally controlled substances and new psychoactive substances, in particular those relevant to international investigations and for intelligence purposes, can be submitted to forensic laboratories with the requisite expertise in profiling analyses;

6. *Also invites* Member States to provide their best available data, including data from national drug analysis laboratories and other designated laboratories, to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Health Organization and other relevant organizations in order to support the review of the most prevalent, persistent and harmful new psychoactive substances by the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence of the World Health Organization;

7. *Invites* the World Health Organization, with the support of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to continue reviewing the most prevalent, persistent and harmful new psychoactive substances, based on the conclusions of the joint United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and World Health Organization expert consultation on new psychoactive substances held in Vienna from 9 to 11 December 2014;

8. *Invites* Member States and other donors to consider providing extrabudgetary resources for the purposes of the present resolution, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.

## **Resolution 58/10**

### **Promoting the 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 Protocol<sup>57</sup> and article 12 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,<sup>58</sup> 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 the Commission encouraged Member States to provide financial and political support for the development, maintenance and administration of an international electronic import and export authorization system for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances under international control, requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to undertake the development and maintenance of the system and invited the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board to administer the system during the development phase in that biennium,

*Recalling further* its resolution 56/7 of 15 March 2013, in which it urged Member States to promote and facilitate the use of the system for the exchange of import and export authorizations and requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board to provide training to competent national authorities on the use of the system,

*Reaffirming* that the system will facilitate the real-time exchange of import and export authorizations between importing and exporting countries in a safe and secure environment and assist competent national authorities in managing the increasing workload of processing import and export authorizations,

*Aware* of the fact that the further development of such an authorization system would rely on voluntary contributions from Member States,

*Acknowledging* the political, financial and technical support provided by some Member States for the development and pilot testing of the system,

1. *Welcomes* the launch of the international electronic import and export authorization system for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances under international control during the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

2. *Invites* Member States to continue to provide voluntary financial contributions to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for the maintenance of the international electronic import and export authorization system;

3. *Invites* the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board to continue administering and monitoring the system, in line with its mandate, and encourages Member States to provide the fullest possible financial support to enable it to do so;

4. *Urges* Member States to promote and facilitate the fullest possible use of the system as a basis for the further strengthening of the international drug control system, including through the International Narcotics Control Board;

5. *Also urges* Member States to communicate to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board any feedback or suggestions they may have with regard to the further enhancement of the system;

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<sup>57</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

6. *Invites* the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board, in full and close cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to provide training to competent national authorities on the operation of the system and on the relevant provisions of the international drug control conventions and the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs relating to the international electronic import and export authorization system for licit international trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

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

## **Resolution 58/11**

### **Promoting international cooperation in responding to new psychoactive substances and amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Concerned* that new psychoactive substances and amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine, continue to pose risks to public health and safety,

*Noting* the value of reporting and sharing information on internationally controlled substances, but concerned that there are still knowledge gaps with respect to these substances, and also concerned that these gaps are even more significant with respect to new psychoactive substances,

*Acknowledging* the dynamic and fast-paced nature of the market for new psychoactive substances and amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine,

*Deeply concerned* about the increased purity and availability of methamphetamine, as indicated in some national and regional reports, and the continuing use of and trade in new psychoactive substances that pose risks similar to those of internationally controlled drugs,

*Concerned* about the potential opportunities for transnational organized criminal groups to exploit the demand for these substances,

*Noting* that a number of new psychoactive substances that have already been identified as posing serious risks to public health are subject to national control, including temporary provisional control measures, within certain Member States,

*Noting also* that the identification and control of new psychoactive substances can be accompanied by challenges for health and law enforcement authorities,

*Recalling* its resolution 43/10 of 15 March 2000, on the promotion of regional and international cooperation in the fight against the illicit manufacture, trafficking and consumption of synthetic drugs, in particular amphetamine-type stimulants,

*Recalling also* its resolution 48/1 of 11 March 2005, on promoting the sharing of information on emerging trends in the abuse of and trafficking in substances not controlled under the international drug control conventions,

*Recalling further* its resolution 55/1 of 16 March 2012, on promoting international cooperation in responding to the challenges posed by new psychoactive substances,

*Recalling* its resolution 56/4 of 15 March 2013, on enhancing international cooperation in the identification and reporting of new psychoactive substances,

*Recalling also* its resolution 57/9 of 21 March 2014, on enhancing international cooperation in the identification and reporting of new psychoactive substances and incidents involving such substances,

*Recalling further* the functions mandated to the World Health Organization under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol<sup>59</sup> and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,<sup>60</sup>

*Acknowledging* the ongoing success of the global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board in improving understanding of the synthetic drug problem through measures that include the monitoring of, inter alia, the manufacture and use, as well as of the trading of or trafficking in, respectively, new psychoactive substances and amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine, and noting the progress in implementation of that approach,

*Acknowledging also* the value of the early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and the ongoing success of Project Ion of the International Narcotics Control Board, in improving understanding of the problem of new psychoactive substances,

1. *Encourages* Member States to continue to monitor trends in the composition, production and distribution, including sales through the Internet, of new psychoactive substances and amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine, as well as patterns of use and adverse consequences of those substances within their own national borders;

2. *Encourages* Member States, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Health Organization, the International Narcotics Control Board and other relevant organizations to continue to share information and expertise in relation to new psychoactive substances and amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine, through appropriate bilateral and multilateral channels, in particular with regard to patterns of use, forensic data and regulation, as well as risks to public health and safety, including evidence of acute toxicity of and dependence on new psychoactive substances;

3. *Encourages* Member States, based on the information on patterns of use and risks to the public, to continue to adopt appropriate measures aimed at reducing

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<sup>59</sup> Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>60</sup> Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.



the supply of and demand for new psychoactive substances and amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine, in accordance with national legislation;

4. *Also encourages* Member States to develop prevention and treatment models that are relevant to the health and psychological problems associated with new psychoactive substances and amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine, and to share those models through appropriate bilateral and multilateral channels;

5. *Further encourages* Member States to take appropriate measures to continue and enhance the monitoring of new psychoactive substances and amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine, by improving research, analysis and forensic capability, and to share that information, as appropriate, with other Member States and relevant organizations;

6. *Encourages* Member States, in the context of a comprehensive and balanced approach to addressing the world drug problem, to continue to consider a wide variety of legislative, regulatory and administrative measures to tackle the emergence of new psychoactive substances, which may include temporary control measures, laws on controlled substance analogues and actions in the area of public health, including those relating to pharmaceutical products, consumer protection and hazardous substances;

7. *Urges* Member States, based on the principle of common and shared responsibility, to further cooperate, in accordance with national law, in judicial and law enforcement activities to tackle the manufacture and distribution of new psychoactive substances and amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine;

8. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to work with the World Health Organization, pursuant to article 3 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol<sup>61</sup> and article 2 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,<sup>62</sup> towards continuing the regular provision of scheduling recommendations to the Commission;

9. *Invites* the World Health Organization, with the support of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other relevant international and regional organizations, to prioritize the review of the most prevalent, persistent and harmful new psychoactive substances, as informed by the joint United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and World Health Organization expert consultation on new psychoactive substances held in Vienna from 9 to 11 December 2014;

10. *Also invites* the World Health Organization to provide regular and timely recommendations for the scheduling of new psychoactive substances by continuing to explore the potential of assessing structurally related substances and substances with similar harm and dependence potential, enhance data-collection tools and contribute to the development of rapid assessment strategies based on all available sources of information, such as data on severe adverse events, for example, from forensic and emergency medicine sources, analysis of web-based data on trends in

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<sup>61</sup> Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>62</sup> Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

sales and site visits, seizures of suspected controlled substances and other information from law enforcement organizations;

11. *Further invites* the World Health Organization to present its scheduling recommendations to the Commission at its annual reconvened session in order to help Member States prepare for forthcoming scheduling decisions at the following regular session of the Commission;

12. *Encourages* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board to enhance the collection of information on new psychoactive substances, in particular through existing mechanisms such as the global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends programme, the early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances and the Project Ion Incident Communication System;

13. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to share that information, where appropriate, with relevant international and regional organizations, including the International Narcotics Control Board, the World Health Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization and the World Customs Organization;

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

## **Decision 58/1**

### **Inclusion of mephedrone (4-methylmethcathinone) in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by 47 votes to none, with 1 abstention, to include mephedrone (4-methylmethcathinone) in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>63</sup>

## **Decision 58/2**

### **Review of ketamine**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by consensus to postpone the consideration of the proposal concerning the recommendation to place ketamine in Schedule IV of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971<sup>64</sup> and to request additional information from the World Health Organization and other relevant sources.

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<sup>63</sup> Ibid.

<sup>64</sup> Ibid.

### **Decision 58/3**

#### **Inclusion of AH-7921 in Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided to include AH-7921 in Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol.<sup>65</sup>

### **Decision 58/4**

#### **Review of *gamma*-butyrolactone (GBL)**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by consensus not to include *gamma*-butyrolactone (GBL) in Schedule I of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>66</sup>

### **Decision 58/5**

#### **Review of 1,4-butanediol**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by consensus not to include 1,4-butanediol in Schedule I of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>67</sup>

### **Decision 58/6**

#### **Inclusion of 25B-NBOMe (2C-B-NBOMe) in Schedule I of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by 46 votes to 1, with 1 abstention, to include 25B-NBOMe (2C-B-NBOMe) in Schedule I of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>68</sup>

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<sup>65</sup> Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>66</sup> Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

<sup>67</sup> Ibid.

<sup>68</sup> Ibid.

### **Decision 58/7**

#### **Inclusion of 25C-NBOMe (2C-C-NBOMe) in Schedule I of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by 46 votes to 1, with 1 abstention, to include 25C-NBOMe (2C-C-NBOMe) in Schedule I of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>69</sup>

### **Decision 58/8**

#### **Inclusion of 25I-NBOMe (2C-I-NBOMe) in Schedule I of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by 47 votes to 1 to include 25I-NBOMe (2C-I-NBOMe) in Schedule I of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>70</sup>

### **Decision 58/9**

#### **Inclusion of *N*-benzylpiperazine (BZP) in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by 48 votes to 1 to include *N*-benzylpiperazine (BZP) in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>71</sup>

### **Decision 58/10**

#### **Inclusion of JWH-018 in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by 48 votes to 1, with 1 abstention, to include JWH-018 in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>72</sup>

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<sup>69</sup> Ibid.

<sup>70</sup> Ibid.

<sup>71</sup> Ibid.

<sup>72</sup> Ibid.

### **Decision 58/11**

#### **Inclusion of AM-2201 in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by 48 votes to 1 to include AM-2201 in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>73</sup>

### **Decision 58/12**

#### **Inclusion of 3,4-methylenedioxypropylamphetamine (MDPV) in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by 48 votes to 1 to include 3,4-methylenedioxypropylamphetamine (MDPV) in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>74</sup>

### **Decision 58/13**

#### **Inclusion of methylenedioxypropylamphetamine (*beta*-keto-MDMA) in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971**

At its 10th meeting, on 13 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided by 49 votes to 1 to include methylenedioxypropylamphetamine (*beta*-keto-MDMA) in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>75</sup>

### **Decision 58/14**

#### **Provisional agenda for the special segment to be held during the reconvened fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016**

At its 14th meeting, on 17 March 2015, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs approved the provisional agenda for the special segment to be held during the reconvened fifty-eighth session of the Commission, in December 2015, on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, as set out below.

1. Opening of the special segment.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

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<sup>73</sup> Ibid.

<sup>74</sup> Ibid.

<sup>75</sup> Ibid.

3. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016:
  - (a) Consideration of the draft provisional agenda of the special session, including preparations for the interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables;
  - (b) Consideration of the status of preparations of the outcome of the special session;
  - (c) Consideration of any other matters.
4. Provisional agenda for the special segment to be held by the Commission during its fifty-ninth session, in March 2016, in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, and the organization of the intersessional work of the Commission.
5. Other business.
6. Outcome and closure of the special segment.

### **Decision 58/15**

#### **Preliminary provisional agenda for the special segment to be held during the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016**

At its 14th meeting, on 17 March 2014, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs approved the preliminary provisional agenda for the special segment to be held during the fifty-ninth session of the Commission, in March 2016, on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, as set out below.

1. Opening of the special segment.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016:
  - (a) Consideration of the draft provisional agenda of the special session, including preparations for the interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables;
  - (b) Consideration of the outcome of the special session;
  - (c) Consideration of any other matters.
4. Other business.
5. Outcome and closure of the special segment.