B. DECLARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

We, the States participating in the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking,

Believing in human dignity and the legitimate aspirations of human-kind for a decent life with moral, humanitarian and spiritual values in a healthy, safe environment,

Concerned at the human suffering, loss of life, social disruption, especially the effect on youth who are the wealth of nations, brought about by drug abuse worldwide,

Aware of its effects on States' economic, social, political and cultural structures, and its threat to their sovereignty and security,

- Commit ourselves to vigorous international actions against drug abuse and illicit trafficking as an important goal of our policies;

- Express our determination to strengthen action and co-operation at the national, regional and international levels towards the goal of an international society free of drug abuse;

- Strive for the universal accession to the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs or this Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol and to the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances and their strict implementation as well as the completion and adoption of the draft Convention against Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, at the earliest possible date;

Agree on the following:

1. We express our determination to pursue the goals we have set for ourselves at various levels of government towards combating this scourge and to adopt urgent measures to strengthen international co-operation through a balanced, comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach. In this regard, we emphasize the pivotal role of Governments in developing appropriate national strategies within which such measures could be implemented.

2. In evolving effective action against drug abuse, illicit production and trafficking, we emphasize the need for the international community to adopt measures to treat all aspects and causes of the problem. To be effective, these measures must take into consideration the relevant social, economic and cultural factors and should be conducted in the context of States' policies in this regard. We recognize the collective responsibility of the States to provide appropriate resources for the elimination of illicit production, trafficking and drug abuse.

3. We affirm the importance of and the need for wider adherence to the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs or this Convention as amended by
the 1972 Protocol and to the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances. We call for the urgent but careful preparation and finalization, taking into account the various aspects of illicit trafficking, of the draft Convention Against Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances to ensure its entry into force at the earliest possible date and to complement existing international instruments.

4. We recognize the important role of the United Nations system in the efforts to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking, and in particular the role of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in facilitating co-ordination and interaction among Member States and within the United Nations system. We attach importance to the role of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the policy making body of the United Nations on drug control matters. We commend the positive action carried out by the Division of Narcotic Drugs, the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, and we urge strong national and international support for the Fund so as to enable it to fulfil its mandate.

5. We recognize the constant, determined efforts of Governments at the national, regional and international levels to counter the escalating incidence of drug abuse and illicit trafficking and the growing link between drug trafficking and other forms of international organized criminal activities.

6. We also recognize and welcome the significant role played by non-governmental organizations in the drive against drug abuse, and urge that further initiatives be encouraged to strengthen the efforts made at the national as well as international levels.

7. We welcome the compilation of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control as a compendium of possibilities for future action by all concerned.

8. Recognizing the magnitude and extent of the world-wide drug problem, we agree to intensify efforts against drug abuse and illicit trafficking. As an expression of our commitment, we also agree to promote inter-regional and international co-operation in:

(a) Prevention and reduction of demand;
(b) Control of supply;
(c) Suppression of illicit trafficking; and
(d) Treatment and rehabilitation.

For this purpose, we consider that the following, inter alia, should guide the development of our actions:

(a) Prevention and reduction of demand:
(i) Develop methodologies and institute systems for assessing prevalence and trends of drug abuse on a comparable basis;

(ii) Develop and implement the necessary measures to reduce drastically illicit demand through adequate techniques and programmes.

(b) Control of supply:

(i) Encourage contributions from international financial institutions and Governments, where possible, for the implementation of programmes and projects for integrated rural development activities, including crop eradication/substitution schemes, and continue scientific research in related areas;

(ii) Develop and implement the necessary procedures to eliminate the illicit supply of specific precursors and other materials necessary for the manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and to prevent the diversion of pharmaceuticals to the illicit drug market.

(c) Suppression of illicit trafficking:

(i) Develop bilateral and other instruments or arrangements for mutual legal assistance which might include among other things, if appropriate, extradition and tracing, freezing and forfeiture of assets, and for enhancing international legal or law enforcement co-operation in this field;

(ii) Improve dissemination of information to national and international law enforcement bodies, especially concerning profiles and methods of operation of drug trafficking organizations, and further develop international, financial, technical and operational co-operation in investigation and training for officers and prosecutors.

(d) Treatment and rehabilitation:

(i) Develop, promote and evaluate effective treatment and rehabilitation techniques;

(ii) Provide health professionals and primary health care workers with information and training concerning appropriate medical use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

9. We affirm our determination to continue our efforts and request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to keep under constant review the activities referred to in this Declaration and in the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline. We request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to propose in the context of the United Nations programme
and budget and within available resources how the priority attached to the field of drug abuse control can best be carried out. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs should examine the most suitable modalities for following up these activities, as appropriate, at the international level.

C. DECISION

Credentials of the representatives to the Conference

At its 11th plenary meeting on 25 June 1987 the Conference approved the report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.133/8 and Corr.1).

D. RECOMMENDATION

Annual day of the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

At its 12th (closing) plenary meeting, on 26 June 1987, the Conference approved a recommendation to the effect that the General Assembly may wish to decide on the observance of an "annual day of the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking"; the date should be chosen in the light of the existing calendar of international events and days of commemoration.