

Taking note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its eleventh special session,²³⁶ held at Vienna from 29 January to 2 February 1990, and in particular of the measures adopted by this United Nations standard-setting body relating to the entry into force and the provisional application of the Convention,

1. *Urges* States that have not yet done so to proceed as soon as possible to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, in order to make its provisions more universally effective;
2. *Also urges* States to establish the necessary legislative and administrative measures so that their internal juridical regulations may be compatible with the spirit and the scope of the Convention;
3. *Invites* States, to the extent that they are able to do so, to apply provisionally the measures set forth in the Convention, pending its entry into force for each of them, and, in particular, to bear in mind the advisory services available for this purpose from the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat;
4. *Once again urges* all States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assign appropriate priority to providing the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board with the necessary financial, technical and human resources that would enable them to carry out their additional responsibilities under the Convention for the biennium 1990-1991 without prejudice to the provisions of any resolution authorizing a reform of the United Nations structure for international drug abuse control;
6. *Once again requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources and drawing, in particular, on funds available to the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to provide, facilitate and encourage public information activities relating to the Convention;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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18 December 1990*

45/147. Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

The General Assembly,

Conscious that the adoption of the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action²³⁴ at the seventeenth special session of the General Assembly, devoted to the question of international co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic sub-

stances, was an important step in the harmonization of the efforts of all to combat this scourge of mankind,

Reaffirming the purpose of the United Nations to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace,

Convinced that an intensification of international co-operation and concerted action among States is the fundamental basis for confronting the problem of drug abuse and illicit trafficking,

Recognizing that the international fight against illicit trafficking should be pursued in full conformity with the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and the principles of international law, particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, and non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations,

1. *Reaffirms* that the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking should continue to be based on strict respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, and non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations;
2. *Calls upon* all States to intensify their actions to promote effective co-operation in the efforts to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking, so as to contribute to a climate conducive to achieving this end, and to refrain from using the issue for political purposes;
3. *Affirms* that the international fight against drug trafficking should not in any way justify violation of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly the right of all peoples freely to determine, without external interference, their political status and to pursue their economic, social and cultural development, and that every State has the duty to respect this right in accordance with the provisions of the Charter;
4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to give due consideration to the principles set out in the present resolution in a report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;
5. *Decides* to consider at its forty-sixth session the question of respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, under the item entitled "International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking".

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45/148. Implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/16 of 1 November 1989 and 44/141 of 15 December 1989, and taking note of

²³⁶ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 4 (E/1990/24).

Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/84 of 27 July 1990,

Fully aware that the international community is confronted with the dramatic problem of drug abuse and the illicit cultivation, production, demand, processing, distribution and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that States need to work at the international level as well as individually to deal with this scourge,

Stressing the important role of the United Nations, its relevant bodies and the specialized agencies in the fight against drug abuse at the national, regional and international levels,

Recalling the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session on 23 February 1990,²³⁴

Recognizing the continuing importance and validity of the Declaration²³⁷ and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control,²³⁸ as adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, and the Declaration adopted at the World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat, held in London from 9 to 11 April 1990,²³⁵

1. *Reaffirms* the commitment expressed in the Global Programme of Action and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control;

2. *Calls upon* States to take all possible steps to promote and implement individually and in co-operation with others the mandates and recommendations contained in the Global Programme of Action, with a view to translating the Programme into practical action to the widest possible extent at the national, regional and international levels;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the United Nations drug control programme,²³⁹ once established, to promote and continuously monitor the progress on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on all activities relating to the Global Programme of Action, including those of Governments;

5. *Calls upon* the United Nations and its relevant bodies and specialized agencies, other relevant inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to extend their co-operation and assistance to States in the promotion and implementation of the Global Programme of Action;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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²³⁷ See Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. B.

²³⁸ *Ibid.*, sect. A.

²³⁹ See resolution 45/179.

45/149. International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned that the illicit demand for, production of and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances continue to pose a serious threat to all mankind, to affect adversely the socio-economic and political structures of affected societies and to endanger the stability, national security and sovereignty of States,

Alarmed by the growing connection between drug trafficking and terrorism,

Reaffirming the principle of the shared responsibility of the international community in combating drug abuse and illicit trafficking,

Reaffirming also the importance of international co-operation in the immediate implementation of all mandates and courses of action contained in the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control,²³⁸ adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, and the Global Programme of Action,²³⁴ adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session,

Taking note with interest of the reports of the Secretary-General,²⁴⁰

Welcoming the work of the Intergovernmental Expert Group to Study the Economic and Social Consequences of Illicit Traffic in Drugs, convened under General Assembly resolution 44/142 of 15 December 1989, on the impact of the social and economic consequences of drug-money transfers and conversion, which have an adverse effect on national economic systems,²⁴¹

Having in mind that the Intergovernmental Expert Group proposed a framework for a future in-depth study on the economic and social consequences of illicit traffic in drugs,²⁴¹ for which reason the issue must be duly followed up,

Keeping in mind that the Secretary-General has taken note of the recommendations addressed to him by the Intergovernmental Expert Group, which will be considered in the context of the proposed programme of drug-control activities for the biennium 1992-1993,

Recognizing that the consideration by the Intergovernmental Expert Group of the financial aspects of its mandate was more extensive than that of the economic and social aspects, and that these latter areas require further and more detailed analysis,

Welcoming the efforts made by those countries which produce narcotic drugs for scientific, medicinal and therapeutic uses to prevent the channelling of such substances to illicit markets and to maintain production at a level consistent with licit demands,

Reiterating that the transit routes used by drug traffickers change constantly and that an ever-growing number of countries in all regions of the world, and even entire regions, are particularly vulnerable to illicit transit traffic on account, *inter alia*, of their geographical location,

Noting with regret that the work of the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board and of the

²⁴⁰ A/45/535 and A/45/542.

²⁴¹ See A/C.3/45/8, annex.