

articles 13 and 14 of the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁴⁹ and articles 21 and 22 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971,⁵⁰

Mindful that illicit trafficking in drugs requires large sums of money, usually in the form of currency, and involves financial transactions of significant size,

Noting that the members and financial backers of trafficking organizations are involved in the acquisition of assets by means of profits generated from such illicit activities, although they may not be directly involved in the actual movement of illicit drugs,

Convinced that close attention to financial transactions and the acquisition of assets involving persons who may be members or financial backers of trafficking organizations is valuable in identifying and prosecuting international drug traffickers and in dismantling major trafficking organizations,

Aware that some Governments have already enacted legislation and have undertaken enforcement activities to attack the financial resources and assets acquired by means of the illegal profits of major drug traffickers,

Believing that co-operation between Governments focusing on such financial activities can lead to the destruction of international criminal enterprises engaged in illicit drug trafficking,

Endorsing Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 3 (XXVIII) of 21 February 1979,⁵¹ in which the Commission requested the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat, in consultation with the International Criminal Police Organization, the Customs Co-operation Council and other international organizations and bodies and interested Member States, to examine and synthesize the pertinent legislation, administrative measures and law-enforcement action already undertaken by some Governments as a means of providing practical guidelines and furthering co-operation among Governments facing these problems,

1. *Requests* the Division of Narcotic Drugs to endeavour urgently to complete the action requested by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in its resolution 3 (XXVIII);

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to convene, as soon as feasible thereafter, a meeting of international financial and legal experts, police experts in illegal financial activities and criminal conspiracies, and officials familiar with the prosecution of those involved in international criminal conspiracies for the purpose of preparing guidelines for the negotiation of treaties that would facilitate and promote the co-operative investigation of financial activities involving illicit drug trafficking and that would lead to the prosecution of major traffickers;

3. *Recommends* that, if necessary, the expenses incurred in holding the meeting envisaged in paragraph 2 above should be borne by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its twenty-ninth session on the action taken pursuant to the present resolution, including in his report any draft model agreement

⁴⁹ See *Official Records of the United Nations Conference to Consider Amendments to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.XI.7), part three.

⁵⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.XI.3, p. 7.

⁵¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 5 (E/1979/35)*, chap. XIV.

that is elaborated for the consideration of the Commission, and to consider possible transmission of any such draft agreement to Governments.

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1980/22. Conference of the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Conference of States Parties to the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances met at Buenos Aires, from 26 to 28 June 1979, under the terms of article 11 of the Agreement,

Noting also that the Conference of States Parties adopted a statute establishing the Conference of the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances as a permanent institution, with the status of an international body possessing legal personality, and the Permanent Secretariat, with headquarters at Buenos Aires, as an executive organ with the task of facilitating the co-ordination of activities directed towards the effective achievement of the objectives of the Agreement in the fight against drug abuse and illicit traffic in drugs in this region,

Emphasizing the importance of those decisions as a demonstration of the determination of the countries involved to ensure the discharge of their international obligations in this field by the most effective methods, in order that South America should not become a propitious area for illicit activities in the production and abuse of and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Bearing in mind that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs invited the Conference of the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances to be represented by an observer at its sixth special session,

Recalling that Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela are parties to the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,

Bearing in mind its resolution 1979/7 of 9 May 1979,

1. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Conference of the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and the Permanent Secretariat of the Conference;

2. *Reaffirms* the provisions of its resolution 1979/7;

3. *Stresses* the need for the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances to be ratified by those States in the region which have not yet done so;

4. *Urges* the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to assist the Permanent Secretariat of the Conference of the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in carrying out a study of the present situation in the region, identifying the resources available and the programmes to be implemented in pursuance of the Agreement.

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