

11. *Encourages* Governments, in the light of the spread of HIV infection, to work strenuously to bring greater numbers of drug abusers, particularly those who inject, into contact with treatment services and agencies;

12. *Urges* Governments that have chosen to make available sterile syringes and needles to conduct such schemes under close monitoring and, to the extent possible, to evaluate the efficacy of those schemes in reducing the spread of HIV infection, as well as their usefulness as contact opportunities to encourage drug-dependent persons to enter or remain in treatment;

13. *Encourages* Governments with appropriate expertise to consider establishing mechanisms to share with interested States knowledge and expertise on the development and evaluation of demand reduction strategies, in coordination with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the specialized agencies and utilizing the experience of relevant non-governmental organizations where appropriate;

14. *Encourages* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue to develop the work undertaken by the former United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, in particular by elaborating master plans that give due attention to demand reduction activities tailored to regional and local needs and by providing a greater proportion of extrabudgetary resources for related intervention programmes;

15. *Urges* States that are able to do so to increase substantially their voluntary contributions to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to enable it to expand further its operational and technical assistance programmes, especially in the demand reduction sector;

16. *Requests* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to utilize the database of its International Drug Abuse Assessment System to disseminate the demand reduction information received from Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in such a way that it helps Governments and those organizations to develop their demand reduction policies;

17. *Encourages* non-governmental organizations to continue to develop their work on demand reduction in coordination with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

18. *Invites* the New York Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Narcotics and Substance Abuse and the Vienna Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Narcotic Drugs to coordinate the preparation of an annual report, for submission to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on activities of international non-governmental organizations within the relevant terms of reference of the Commission;

19. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue the analytical work on progress achieved in implementing targets 1 to 7 of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control and to prepare a succinct report for consideration by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-fifth session on progress achieved at the national and

international levels in implementing targets 29 to 35 of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments, specialized agencies and relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for consideration and implementation as appropriate.

*15th plenary meeting  
21 June 1991*

#### **1991/47. United Nations International Drug Control Programme**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* that the new dimensions of illicit production, abuse and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in all regions of the world necessitate a more comprehensive and integrated approach to international drug control and an efficient structure in order to enable the United Nations to play a central and greatly enhanced role in that field,

*Mindful* of General Assembly resolution 45/179 of 21 December 1990, entitled "Enhancement of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control", in which the Secretary-General was requested to create a single drug control programme, to be called the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, and to appoint a senior official who would execute the integration process and head the new Programme,

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 45/179, invited the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate financial and other resources from within the regular budget were allocated to the Programme to enable it to discharge its functions effectively,

*Bearing in mind* Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolutions 1 (XXXIV), 2 (XXXIV) and 3 (XXXIV) of 9 May 1991,<sup>87</sup> concerning, respectively, the strengthening of the role of the Programme as the main focus for concerted international action for drug abuse control, the development of proposals to address priority themes, and the provision of support to the Programme,

1. *Welcomes* the prompt appointment of a senior official, at the level of Under-Secretary-General, in the position of Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme with exclusive responsibility for coordinating and providing effective leadership for all the United Nations drug control activities, in order to ensure coherence of actions within the Programme as well as coordination, complementarity and non-duplication of such activities across the United Nations system;

2. *Commends* the Executive Director for his ongoing efforts to fully integrate the structures and functions of the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat, the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control into the new Programme;

3. *Strongly urges* all Governments to provide the fullest possible financial and political support to the Programme in order to enable it to fulfil all of its mandates and functions deriving from the Global Pro-

gramme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session,<sup>94</sup> the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control<sup>95</sup> and the international drug control treaties, particularly by increasing their extrabudgetary contributions to the Programme, with a view to expanding and strengthening its programmes for technical cooperation with developing countries;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies and the programmes of the United Nations system to take an active part in the international struggle against narcotic drugs and to fully coordinate their efforts with the Programme to enable the Executive Director to fully exercise his exclusive responsibility for coordinating and providing effective leadership for all United Nations drug control activities, in compliance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 45/179;

5. *Urges* all intergovernmental organizations having specific competence in drug control matters to collaborate fully with the Executive Director to ensure coordination, coherence of action, complementarity and non-duplication of activities with the Programme;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to complete, as a matter of priority, the integration process of the Programme.

*15th plenary meeting  
21 June 1991*

**1991/48. Administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the establishment, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 45/179 of 21 December 1990 on the enhancement of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control, of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as the single drug control programme into which the structures and functions of the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat, the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control are to be fully integrated, with the objective of enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control in keeping with the functions and mandates of the Organization in this field,

*Noting* that the General Assembly invited the Secretary-General to structure the United Nations International Drug Control Programme along the following lines:

(a) Treaty implementation, which would integrate, with due consideration to treaty arrangements, the functions of the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board and the treaty implementation functions of the Division of Narcotic Drugs, taking into account the independent role of the Board;

(b) Policy implementation and research, with responsibility for implementing policy decisions of the relevant legislative bodies and conducting analytical work;

(c) Operational activities, with responsibility for co-

ordinating and carrying out the technical cooperation projects currently being executed mainly by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board,

*Noting also* the appointment by the Secretary-General of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, who assumed his functions on 1 March 1991 and who will execute the integration process and head the new integrated Programme, with the exclusive responsibility for coordinating and providing effective leadership for all United Nations drug control activities, in order to ensure coherence of actions within the Programme as well as coordination, complementarity and non-duplication of such activities across the United Nations system,

*Noting with appreciation* the steps taken so far in the integration of the structures and functions of the Division of Narcotic Drugs, the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and in the organizational and managerial arrangements for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme,

*Taking into account* the provisions of article 9, paragraph 2, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,<sup>102</sup> according to which the Economic and Social Council shall, in consultation with the International Narcotics Control Board, make all arrangements necessary to ensure the full technical independence of the Board in carrying out its functions,

*Considering* the importance of such independence in view of the functions of the International Narcotics Control Board,

*Recalling* its resolution 1196 (XLII) of 16 May 1967, the administrative arrangements contained in the annex to that resolution, and its resolutions 1775 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 2017 (LXI) of 3 August 1976, by which those administrative arrangements were continued,

*Convinced* that revised administrative arrangements are necessary in the light of developments and that such arrangements will ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board to the full satisfaction of the international community,

*Having considered* the draft of the revised arrangements agreed upon by the Executive Director of the Programme and the International Narcotics Control Board,

1. *Recognizes* its obligations to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board;

2. *Approves* the administrative arrangements prepared on behalf of the Secretary-General by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in agreement with the International Narcotics Control Board and contained in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to implement those arrangements, taking into account the character, powers and functions of the International Narcotics Control Board and the importance of its full technical independence in the performance of its tasks;

<sup>102</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.