



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Social and Human Rights Questions: Narcotic Drugs

SUBMITTED TO: Economic and Social Council

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Deeply concerned by the magnitude of and rising trend in the illicit production of, demand for and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, which pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of human beings and adversely affect the economic, cultural and political foundations of all member nations,

Aware that illicit traffic generates large financial profits and wealth enabling transnational criminal organizations to penetrate, contaminate and corrupt the structures of government, legitimate commercial and financial business, and society at all its levels,

Keeping in mind that the activities aside from drug trafficking such as internet fraud, human, cigarette, diamond, firearm, oil and other forms of smuggling pose a notable threat to the global community,

Determined to improve international co-operation in the suppression of illicit traffic by land air and sea,

Noting with deep concern the general world increase in cannabis and opium production, as stated in the Report of the Secretariat of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the 47th Session, March of 2004, Vienna,

Noting with satisfaction the general world decrease in cocaine production and seizures for two consecutive years pursuant to GA Res. E/CN.7/2004/4,

Recognizing that eradication of illicit drug traffic is a collective responsibility of all States and that, to that end, coordinated action within the framework of international co-operation is necessary,

1. *Emphasizes* the continual production of the World Drug Report, by the UNODC, with comprehensive and balanced information on world drug problems;

2. *Suggests* that the issue of funding of local law enforcement agencies combating the production and trafficking of drugs and conducting border patrol, be referred to a special budgetary committee created for the purposes of their program;

3. *Proclaims* the need to research ways for regulation, prevention and reduction of those

38 chemicals specifically used in the production of methamphetamines and other similar drugs;

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40 4. *Stresses* limited rehabilitation, not imprisonment, for continual users, with greater
41 attention to wider availability of programs for women, providing a safer environment, and focusing
42 on the needs of the family, at the same time realizing that imprisonment of traffickers is
43 unquestionable;

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45 5. *Expresses* its hope that regional groups can cooperate to control narcotic production, in
46 order to facilitate accountability in regulating the trafficking of narcotics;

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48 6. *Further* calls upon regional cooperatives to hold a conference within the next two years
49 that specifically focuses on problem assessment, prevention, and treatment strategies specific to their
50 region, and the implementation of those cooperatives in areas which they do not exist;

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52 7. *Request* that nations with significant and disproportional demand for and consumption
53 of illicit narcotics dramatically increase initiatives for drug awareness and eradication;

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55 8. *Endorses* the conversion of crops that would facilitate illicit drug production to crops that
56 would promote sustainable family living and alternative economic development;

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58 9. *Urges* the implementation of comprehensive demand reduction policies and programs,
59 including continued research of all international drugs, the raising of public awareness of the drug
60 problem through education, focusing specifically on the young population through early
61 intervention, using information on healthy life skills, habits and drug free activities;

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63 10. *Recommends* cooperation between source countries and transshipment countries with
64 state sovereignty in mind in hopes of more effectively and more efficiently combating the illicit drug
65 trade.

Final Vote: 22 in favor / 3 opposed / 9 abstaining