1996/18. Draft declaration on the guiding principles of demand reduction

_The Economic and Social Council_,

_Recalling_ its resolution 1995/16 of 24 July 1995 on the integration of demand reduction initiatives into a cohesive strategy to combat drug abuse,

_Recalling_ the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking,⁶⁸ and its resolution 1991/46 of 21 June 1991,

_Acknowledging_ the Political Declaration and Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session,⁶⁹ on 23 February 1990,

_Reaffirming_ the importance of its resolution 1993/35 of 27 July 1993 on demand reduction as part of balanced national strategic plans to combat drug abuse and the need to ensure its implementation,

_Recognizing_ that demand reduction encompasses prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, as well as social reintegration,

_Believing_ that optimum effectiveness in drug abuse control would best be achieved through a balanced approach, applying the appropriate emphasis and resources to initiatives involving both demand and supply reduction and integrating such initiatives into a cohesive and comprehensive strategy,

_Also believing_ that effectiveness in combating drug abuse is enhanced by cooperation and the combined efforts of all sectors of society, including those of voluntary and non-governmental organizations,

1. _Requests_ the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to continue to develop a draft declaration on the guiding principles of demand reduction in consultation with Member States, with due regard to the linkages between demand and supply reduction activities;

2. _Also requests_ the Executive Director to further develop such a draft declaration and, if necessary, to convene a working group with expertise in demand reduction to assist him in this task, using voluntary resources made available by Member States expressly for that purpose;

3. _Further requests_ the Executive Director to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fortieth session on the progress made in developing the draft declaration and to submit a timetable leading to its adoption.

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23 July 1996_

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⁶⁹ General Assembly resolution S-17/2, annex.