

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*

⁶⁸ 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. A.

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