

1997/40. Contribution to the strengthening of the Global Programme of Action: anti-drug strategy in the Americas

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of the importance of the implementation of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, on 23 February 1990,¹⁹⁶ and recognizing the necessity of strengthening the mechanisms and principles contained therein,

1. *Welcomes* the joint efforts of States of the Americas to achieve the approval and adoption of a strategy for dealing with the drug problem in the Americas, in strict conformity with the principles of international law and with due regard for the principles of shared responsibility, comprehensiveness and a balanced approach to action aimed at reducing both demand and supply, on a global and multidisciplinary basis;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the document entitled "Anti-drug strategy in the hemisphere",²⁰¹ approved by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States at its twentieth regular session, held at Buenos Aires in October 1996, and signed at Montevideo in December 1996;

3. *Urges* the international community to take due account of the anti-drug strategy in the hemisphere as a significant contribution to the strengthening of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session.

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²⁰¹ E/CN.7/1997/CRP.12 and Corr.1.