

ECOSOC Resolution 2001/16

International assistance to the States most affected by the transit of drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,¹

Recalling the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, devoted to countering the world drug problem together,² the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction³ and the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction,⁴

Taking into account the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2000,⁵

Considering that action against the world drug problem is a shared responsibility calling for coordinated and balanced action consistent with the relevant multilateral instruments in force at the international level,

Deeply concerned by the continuing illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and substances listed in tables I and II of the 1988 Convention,

Aware that, in order to counter drug trafficking effectively, it is necessary to undertake appropriate initiatives against the transit of drugs,

Stressing the unswerving determination and commitment to resolve the world drug problem by means of national and international strategies aimed at reducing both the supply of and demand for illicit drugs,

Recognizing the desirability of providing support to the States that are most affected by the transit of drugs and are willing to implement plans to eliminate such transit,

Emphasizing the need for joint action to ensure that international cooperation and solidarity do not become merely empty notions,

1. *Requests* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to extend technical assistance, from available voluntary contributions for that purpose, to those States that are most affected by the transit of drugs, and in particular developing countries in need of such assistance and support;

¹ *Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 25 November-20 December 1988, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.XI.5).*

² General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex.

³ General Assembly resolution S-20/3, annex.

⁴ General Assembly resolution 54/132, annex.

⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.01.XI.1.

2. *Exhorts* the international financial institutions, as well as other potential donors, to provide financial assistance to such transit States in order to enable them to intensify their action against illicit drug trafficking;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution for submission to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-fifth session.

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24 July 2001*