

Resolution 54/7

Paris Pact initiative

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Reaffirming the commitments undertaken by Member States in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,³⁰ in which Member States decided to establish 2019 as a target date for States to eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably the illicit cultivation of opium poppy, coca bush and cannabis plant; the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and drug-related health and social risks; the illicit production, manufacture, marketing and distribution of, and trafficking in, psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs; the diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors; and money-laundering related to illicit drugs,

Welcoming the Paris Pact initiative and its two international conferences at the ministerial level, held in Paris in 2003 and in Moscow in 2006,

Taking note of the *Afghanistan Opium Survey 2010*, published by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, which reported stable illicit cultivation levels nationwide, as well as increased opium prices during the past year,

Noting the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2010 on precursors and chemicals frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,³¹ in which the Board refers to the need for sustained efforts in order to maintain the deterrent effect on traffickers of substances used in the illicit manufacture of heroin,

Expressing its support for the efforts of Member States aimed at strengthening international and regional cooperation, including implementation of initiatives to counter the threat posed by the illicit cultivation, trafficking and consumption of Afghan opiates,

Noting the international conferences on Afghanistan, held in London in January 2010 and in Kabul in July 2010, which included counter-narcotics as a cross-cutting theme,

Noting also the international forum “Drug production in Afghanistan: a challenge to the international community”, held in Moscow in June 2010,

1. *Welcomes* the decision taken by the reconvened meeting of the Paris Pact Policy Consultative Group held in Vienna on 17 March 2011 to convene in Vienna in the second half of 2011, in continuation of the Paris Pact initiative, an international conference at the ministerial level;

³⁰ See A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect. II.A.

³¹ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2010 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.11.XI.4).

2. *Encourages* the international conference to contribute to strengthening the commitment of Member States to combating the illicit trade in Afghan opiates;

3. *Invites* all the parties concerned to take an active part in the international conference;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to facilitate the organization and holding of the international conference and to report thereon to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session.