

Resolution 56/10

Tools to improve data collection to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,⁴⁸

Considering that Member States committed themselves to implementing effectively the Political Declaration and Plan of Action through resolute international cooperation, in collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations, with the full assistance of the international financial institutions and other relevant agencies and in cooperation with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, as well as the private and public sectors,

Recognizing that despite the efforts that have been deployed, illicit cultivation, production, manufacturing, distribution and trafficking of drugs have been increasingly consolidated into a criminally organized industry generating enormous amounts of money, laundered through the financial and non-financial sectors,

Also recognizing that illicit demand for drugs remains a threat to health in all Member States and poses a particular risk to youth,

Acknowledging the progress made by the international community in its effort to fully enforce international drug control, and aware of the challenges that still exist in the field,

⁴⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

Recalling that 2019 has been set 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, 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,

Reaffirming its resolution 53/16 of 2 December 2010, entitled “Streamlining of the annual report questionnaire”, in which it adopted the annual report questionnaire and requested Member States to return the duly completed questionnaire by 30 June of each year to enable the Secretariat to make a meaningful analysis of the drug control situation and report to the Commission,

Taking into account that Member States committed themselves to report biennially to the Commission on the efforts to fully implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action,

Recalling that a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action will take place within the framework of the Commission at its fifty-seventh session, in 2014,

Considering General Assembly resolutions 64/182 of 18 December 2009 and 65/233 of 21 December 2010, in which the Assembly encouraged the meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies and of the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation,

Bearing in mind that the meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies and of the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East are responsible for identifying policy issues at the regional level to promote the best ways to address the regional dynamics of the world drug problem,

Considering General Assembly resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012, in which the Assembly decided to convene a special session in 2016 to assess progress in the implementation of the Political Declaration and the Plan of Action,

Recognizing the need for strengthening data-collection mechanisms and capacities to monitor and evaluate the Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,

1. *Urges* Member States to provide, on a yearly basis, timely, accurate and reliable data by completing all relevant parts of the annual report questionnaire;

2. *Requests* the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission to contribute to the monitoring of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem⁴⁹ at the regional level by discussing regional views on progress made in this regard under

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the agenda item entitled “Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem”;

3. *Encourages* Member States to provide to the meetings of the subsidiary bodies more detailed information on progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Plan of Action, based on the annual report questionnaire;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide the subsidiary bodies with substantive guidance for their deliberations on progress made in the implementation of the Plan of Action, based on the information contained in the replies by Member States of the various regions to the annual report questionnaire, with a view to filling any possible information gaps and making relevant recommendations;

5. *Encourages* Member States, in consultation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to devote the topic of at least one of the working groups at the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission to the follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, on the basis of the reports submitted by States to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

6. *Also encourages* Member States to consider the expertise and composition of their delegations to the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, with a view to covering the various aspects of the world drug problem (demand, supply and international cooperation) in order to hold substantive discussions on the issue and to actively participate in the agenda item entitled “Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem”;

7. *Requests* the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, on the basis of their deliberations, to submit regional recommendations aimed at moving forward in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action;

8. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to make full use of the data provided by Member States through the meetings of the subsidiary bodies when preparing the biennial reports of the Executive Director on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action;

9. *Suggests* that, in the framework of the organizational arrangements for the special session of the General Assembly in 2016, the reports be considered by the Commission as an input to the review of progress in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments;

10. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to assist, upon request, Member States in strengthening and, where appropriate, developing their data-collection and reporting capacities, including the analysis and dissemination of data;

11. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for these purposes, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.