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Supporting the International Narcotics Control Board in fulfilling its treaty-mandated role

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recognizing the abiding concern of all Member States for ensuring respect for the rights and obligations arising from the treaties to which they are parties,

Underscoring that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,¹ the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971² and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988³ constitute the cornerstone of the international drug control system and form the legal basis for international cooperation to address and counter the world drug problem,

Recalling with satisfaction that the three drug control conventions are among the most widely ratified legally binding international instruments, benefiting from near-universal adherence, which reflects the broad international consensus embodied therein,

Emphasizing that the universal adherence to the drug control conventions and their full and effective implementation by all States parties in good faith are key to the functioning of the international drug control system,

Recalling that the general obligation of the States parties to the drug control conventions is to take such legislative and administrative measures as may be necessary, subject to the provisions of the conventions, to limit exclusively to medical and scientific purposes the production, manufacture, export, import and distribution of, trade in and use and possession of drugs, while preventing the diversion and abuse of drugs,

Expressing deep concern about legalization of the non-medical use of certain drugs in some regions, which represents a challenge to the universal implementation

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¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1582, No. 27627.



of the drug control conventions, a challenge to public health and well-being, particularly among young people, and a challenge to the States parties to the conventions,

Noting with concern that the availability of internationally controlled drugs for medical and scientific purposes, including for the relief of pain and suffering, remains low to non-existent in many countries, and highlighting the need to enhance national efforts and international cooperation at all levels to address that situation by promoting measures to ensure the availability, affordability and accessibility of drugs for medical and scientific purposes, within the framework of national legal systems, while simultaneously preventing the non-medical use and misuse of and trafficking in controlled drugs, in order to fulfil the aims, objectives and provisions of the three international drug control conventions,

Acknowledging the important treaty-mandated role of the International Narcotics Control Board as an independent quasi-judicial body responsible for monitoring and promoting compliance of Member States with the provisions of the drug control conventions,

1. *Welcomes* the continuous efforts of the International Narcotics Control Board to assist Governments in addressing the increasingly complex, persistent and emerging challenges relating to the world drug problem by fully and consistently implementing the provisions of the international drug control conventions;
2. *Encourages* Member States to further develop dialogue with the Board, including through regular consultations and its country missions, with a view to better understanding and fulfilling their legal obligations under the drug control conventions;
3. *Urges* States that have not done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the drug control conventions, and also urges States parties to implement, as a matter of priority, all provisions of those conventions;
4. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Board to achieve universal adherence to the drug control conventions and to ensure their implementation by all States parties in good faith through applying, where appropriate, various means envisaged in the conventions;
5. *Reaffirms its determination* to strengthen the established dialogue with the Board on the implementation of the drug control conventions and to continue to call the attention of the Board to any matters which may be relevant to its treaty-mandated functions;
6. *Invites* the Board to continue to proactively implement its mandate contained in the drug control conventions and to regularly update the Commission on the global situation with regard to the implementation of the conventions with a view to strengthening the global drug control system through cooperative action at the international level;
7. *Also invites* the Board, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources and upon request, to provide capacity-building, recommendations and technical assistance to Member States, including through the Learning project, the International Import and Export Authorization System, the Pre-Export Notification Online system, the Precursors Incident Communication System and other initiatives of the Board, in order to facilitate the implementation by States of the regulatory aspects of the drug control conventions;
8. *Expresses concern* regarding the financial situation of the Board, emphasizes the need to provide the Board with adequate, predictable and stable resources to discharge its treaty-mandated functions, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Board has sufficient resources to carry out its treaty-mandated functions fully and effectively, including in monitoring treaty implementation and compliance by, inter alia, strengthening the Board's capacity to undertake legal research and analysis.