

RESOLUTION No. AGN/48/RES/6

SUBJECT:

FINANCIAL ASSETS AND
TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO
ILLCIT DRUG TRAFFIC

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TEXT OF RESOLUTION

CONCERNED by the increasingly serious worldwide problems resulting from the illicit trafficking and abuse of drugs,

AWARE that important traffic of this type gives rise to large-scale cash flows and financial transactions carried out by persons connected either directly or indirectly with the illicit drug traffic,

CONVINCED that effective investigations into these operations could facilitate and permit the identification of financiers and organisers who could not easily be detected by other means,

SUPPORTING the point of view of the recommendations on this subject contained in Resolution 3 (XXVIII) adopted by the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its 28th session (copy attached), inviting the I.C.P.O.- Interpol General Secretariat, the Customs Co-operation Council and the other international organisations and agencies to co-operate fully with the United Nations Division of Narcotic Drugs,

THE ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Nairobi from 4th to 11th September 1979 at its 48th session:

RECOMMENDS:

- 1) That Interpol member countries use every means open to them to carry out such investigations, and also increase international co-operation in this field, co-operation which could be profitably extended to combating other forms of crime;
- 2) That governments be encouraged to adopt, where they do not already exist, laws to enable the confiscation of proceeds and assets gained by such criminal activity.

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The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling resolution 2002 (LX) of 12 May 1976 of the Economic and Social Council, articles 4, 35 and 36, particularly article 36 (2) (a) (ii), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as well as those articles as amended by articles 13 and 14 of the 1972 Protocol, and articles 21 and 22 of 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,

Noting that the illicit drug traffic involves large sums of money, significant financial transactions and the acquisition of assets by members and financial supporters of trafficking groups, or by other persons, although they may not be themselves engaged in the illicit movement of drugs,

Convinced that close attention to the financial transactions and acquisition of assets by persons involved in the illicit drug traffic may lead to the dismantling of major trafficking groups,

Aware that some Governments have already enacted legislation and taken other administrative measures to attack the financial resources and illegally acquired assets of illicit drug traffickers,

Believing that this policy would considerably contribute to reducing illicit drug traffic,

1. Requests the Division of Narcotic Drugs, in consultation with the International Criminal Police Organization, the Customs Co-operation Council and other international organizations and bodies and interested Member States, to examine the pertinent legislation and administrative measures and law-enforcement action already undertaken by some Governments and to synthesize these in a form which could provide practical guidelines for other Governments concerned which are facing similar problems, and serve as a basis for improved international co-operation in this connexion;
2. Invites Governments to co-operate fully with the Division of Narcotic Drugs in this endeavour;
3. Authorizes the Division of Narcotic Drugs to convene, if necessary, a small working group in pursuit of the above objective;
4. Recommends that, where necessary, any expenses which this may involve should be borne by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control.

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