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SUBJECT:

International instrument on illicit  
drug traffic

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TEXT OF RESOLUTION

CONCERNED by the increasing volume in the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

FURTHER CONCERNED by the grave consequences of the illicit drug traffic and drug abuse on the public health, particularly the health of the youth of the world and the impairment in the development of future societies, thus constituting a crime against humanity,

CONSIDERING that the major volume of the illicit drug traffic is controlled by criminal organizations having enormous financial resources and often beyond the reach of conventional law-enforcement techniques,

NOTING that seizure of illegally acquired financial proceeds is an effective legal means to dismantle criminal organizations,

CONVINCED that the elimination of international criminal organizations engaged in drug trafficking will require authorities to adopt measures concerning:

- (a) use of the controlled delivery technique in the investigation of drug trafficking, as appropriate,
- (b) provision of a legal basis for countering drug trafficking committed on the high seas,
- (c) improvement of legal mechanisms to allow for expeditious extradition of suspected international drug traffickers,
- (d) provision of legal mechanisms to ensure incarceration of drug-trafficking suspects pending trial in those cases in which a judicial determination is made that their release would further endanger society or result in their fleeing the jurisdiction,
- (e) development of systems to monitor the movement of precursor and essential chemicals to prevent their diversion to illegal purpose,
- (f) establishment of measures to prevent and detect the use of international mails for the purposes of smuggling of narcotic drugs and psychotropic

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substances, with due regard to the sanctity of the mails,

- (g) improvement of national drug abuse and drug trafficking data systems to detect changes in drug abuse trends and to provide strategic planning information and tactical intelligence data for national authorities,
- (h) development of improved systems at free trade zones and ports to ensure that drugs and chemicals entering or transiting are of legitimate origin and are destined for legitimate purposes,

FURTHER CONVINCED that the international nature of illicit drug trafficking requires adoption of the most effective legal measures to facilitate international co-operation in the investigative and prosecutive processes,

RECALLING United Nations General Assembly resolution 39/141 of 14th December 1984 which called for the preparation of a draft convention against the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, which considers the various aspects of the problem not envisaged in existing international instruments,

FURTHER RECALLING the recommendations of the Meeting concerning harmonization of ICPO Members' approach regarding the International Convention, held at the ICPO-Interpol General Secretariat, Saint Cloud, from 17th to 18th June 1985,

FURTHER RECALLING the recommendations of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders held in Milan, Italy, from 16th August to 6th September 1985,

FURTHER AWARE of the conclusions of the meeting of police and customs officials from 54 nations concerning controlled delivery, held at the Customs Co-operation Council General Secretariat, from 16th to 20th September 1985,

FURTHER AWARE of the recommendations of the 74th Inter-Parliamentary Conference, held in Ottawa, Canada, from 2nd to 7th September 1985,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Washington, D.C. from 1st to 8th October 1985 at its 54th session:

ASKS the General Secretariat to continue to collaborate with all member countries and concerned international bodies in the identification of measures for possible inclusion in an international instrument to counter illicit drug trafficking and calls upon member countries to support the development of an effective international instrument embodying improvements in international law relating to these and other appropriate measures.