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SUBJECT:

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN COMBATING DRUG

TRAFFIC

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

CONCERNED with an increasing international problem in the traffic and abuse of narcotic and psychotropic substances,

RECOGNIZING the sociological factors responsible for drug abuse and the demand for drugs as well as the economic factors which foster the illicit production, manufacture and traffic in narcotic and psychotropic substances to meet demand.

RECOGNIZING that some Governments with serious problems in drug abuse, illicit cultivation, manufacture and traffic in narcotic and psychotropic substances may require technical and financial assistance to effectively implement progress to eliminate gradually the illicit cultivation, manufacture, traffic and abuse of narcotic and psychotropic substances,

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The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Accra from 14th to 20th October 1976, at its 45th session:

URGES Governments to implement as fully as possible the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 and the Psychotropic Convention of 1971 to bring under control coca and cannabis crops and to co-operate with each other in vigorously suppressing the illicit manufacture and traffic of narcotic and psychotropic substances;

RECOMMENDS:

- 1) That Governments which may require technical and financial assistance to more effectively implement narcotic control programmes should consider seeking assistance bilaterally from other interested Governments or internationally through the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, the United Nations Development Programme and the International Financial Institutions;
- 2) All Governments to provide adequate law enforcement resources so as to intensify programmes of illicit traffic suppression and thus effectively reduce the availability of illicit drugs in their countries;
- 3) That drug traffickers should be vigorously prosecuted, and that the prosecution should press for substantial prison terms for those convicted;
- 4) Intensified programmes for the prevention of drug abuse and for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug abusers where necessary as a means of substantially reducing the demand for narcotic and psychotropic substances;
- 5) The rapid international exchange of drug intelligence information and evidence between police services, utilising where possible the ICPO-INTERPOL communications network to facilitate drug arrests and seizures.