

Resolution 56/12

Preparations for the high-level review 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 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,⁵¹ adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, in which Member States decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, should conduct a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action,

Recalling also its resolution 53/16 of 2 December 2010, in which the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime was requested to prepare and submit to the Commission, on a biennial basis, on the basis of the responses provided by Member States to the annual report questionnaire, a single report on action taken to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, the first of which was to be examined by the Commission at its fifty-fifth session, in 2012,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,⁵²

Considering that the high-level review is part of the process of assessing progress in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action and in finding ways to enhance their implementation to overcome the challenges encountered in addressing the world drug problem,

Welcoming the important role played by civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, in addressing the world drug problem, recalling with appreciation their important contributions to the preparatory process for the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, and stressing the relevance of the contributions of civil society to the review by Member States of the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action,

Recalling 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 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,

⁵¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

⁵² E/CN.7/2012/14 and Corr.1.

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012, in which States were called upon to take, in a timely manner, the measures necessary to implement the actions and attain the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action,

Noting that the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/193, decided to convene, in early 2016, a special session on the world drug problem to review the progress made 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, and decided to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing resources,

Conscious of its role as the central United Nations policymaking body on drug-related issues,

1. *Decides* that the high-level review of the progress made in 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 Problem⁵³ shall be held during the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in 2014, for a period of two days, in addition to the five days usually scheduled for the regular sessions of the Commission in the first half of the year;

2. *Also decides* that the theme of the high-level review shall be “Progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem”;

3. *Further decides* that the high-level review shall consist of a general debate on the theme referred to in paragraph 2 above and round-table discussions on the three pillars of the Plan of Action:

(a) Demand reduction: reducing drug abuse and dependence through a comprehensive approach;

(b) Supply reduction: reducing the illicit supply of drugs; control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants; and international cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and on alternative development;

(c) International cooperation: countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation;

4. *Resolves* that a brief joint ministerial statement shall be issued at the conclusion of the high-level review, identifying, on the basis of the review of the progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, achievements, challenges and priorities for further action, in the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments;

⁵³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8 (E/2009/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

5. *Also resolves* that the outcome of the high-level review shall be submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration, in view of, inter alia, the special session of the Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016;

6. *Decides* that intersessional meetings shall be held before the high-level review, within existing regular budget resources, devoted to preparing for the high-level review and to assessing the progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action;

7. *Reiterates its call upon* Member States to submit, in a timely manner and no later than 30 June 2013, their replies to the annual report questionnaire for the preparation of the second report of the Executive Director on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action;

8. *Decides* that the medium-term review, including intersessional meetings, shall take into account contributions by Member States, as well as:

(a) The report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,⁵⁴ considered by the Commission at its fifty-fifth session;

(b) The outcome of the thematic round-table discussions of the Commission at its fifty-third through fifty-sixth sessions;

(c) Relevant studies and reports from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the International Narcotics Control Board, the subsidiary bodies of the Commission and other relevant United Nations agencies;

(d) Other relevant information related to the world drug problem from relevant international and regional organizations;

(e) Other relevant information related to the world drug problem from civil society and the private sector;

9. *Calls upon* the participants in the high-level review to take account of the work of the regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, in particular initiatives that could further cooperation with regard to drug law enforcement;

10. *Invites* Member States and observers to participate actively at the appropriate level in the high-level review segment;

11. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that the Commission, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, play its leading role in the preparatory process for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be convened in early 2016, including by presenting its proposals, through the Economic and Social Council, regarding progress made in 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.

⁵⁴ E/CN.7/2012/14 and Corr.1.