

**Resolution 51/15**

**Control of international movement of poppy seeds obtained from illicitly grown opium poppy plants**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Reaffirming* Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32 of 28 July 1999,

*Considering* article 22 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961<sup>68</sup> on the prohibition of the illicit cultivation of the opium poppy, and the Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development,<sup>69</sup> adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

*Recalling* that the International Narcotics Control Board, in its report for 1995, expressed its concern about trade in seeds obtained from opium poppy plants in countries where the cultivation of opium poppy was prohibited, and urged Governments to be vigilant in order to ensure that poppy seeds traded for food purposes were not derived from illicitly cultivated opium poppy plants,<sup>70</sup>

*Emphasizing* the need to fight the illicit cultivation of opium poppy,

*Noting* that poppy seeds are a by-product available on a large scale from countries where the cultivation of opium poppy is prohibited,

*Aware* that, according to the provisions of the 1961 Convention, trade in poppy seeds is not subject to international control,

*Recognizing* that there is a need to prohibit international trade in poppy seeds obtained from illicitly grown opium poppy plants,

*Recognizing also* that the poppy plant used for food purposes has a low morphine content and is therefore unsuitable for the production of opium for illicit use by drug abusers,

*Concerned* about the trade in seeds obtained from opium poppy plants in countries where the cultivation of opium poppy is prohibited,

*Resolving* to fight the international trade in poppy seeds obtained from illicitly grown opium poppy plants,

*Noting* with concern the substantial increase reported in the illicit cultivation of opium poppy in certain areas,

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<sup>68</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

<sup>69</sup> General Assembly resolutions S-20/4 E.

<sup>70</sup> *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.XI.1), para. 61.

1. Urges all Member States to endeavour, consistent with their domestic laws and regulations and applicable international regulations, to import poppy seeds derived from licitly grown opium poppy crops;
2. Exhorts all Member States to be vigilant and to ensure that poppy seeds traded for food purposes are not derived from illicitly cultivated opium poppy plants;
3. Stresses the need for all Member States to strengthen their resolve to implement Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32 of 28 July 1999;
4. Requests the International Narcotics Control Board to continue gathering information regarding the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32 by Member States with a view to strengthening the control of international movement of poppy seeds obtained from illicitly grown opium poppy plants and to share that information with Member States;
5. Requests the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to take appropriate measures to ensure the full implementation of article 22 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961<sup>71</sup> by the Member States concerned.