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¹ *Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 25 November-20 December 1988*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.XI.5). The first report of the Board on the implementation of article 12 was contained in document E/CN.7/1991/21. Since 1993, the Board has been issuing the report annually as one of its technical publications.

² The term “precursor” is used to indicate any of the substances listed in Table I or II of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, except where the context requires a different expression. Such substances are often described as precursors or essential chemicals, depending on their principal chemical properties. The plenipotentiary conference that adopted the 1988 Convention did not use any one term to describe such substances. Instead, the expression “substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances” was introduced in the Convention. It has become common practice, however, to refer to all such substances simply as “precursors”; although that term is not technically correct, the Board has decided to use it in the present report for the sake of convenience.

³ Held in Brussels in June 1990 in cooperation with the European Commission. The Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the United States of America made special financial contributions, which enabled broader attendance from all geographic regions than would otherwise have been possible. The seminar was attended by 42 States and one territory, as well as various competent international bodies.

⁴ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), paras. 40-47.

⁵ The meeting was hosted by the Government of Turkey and held in Antalya, Turkey, in October 2000. The Governments of the United Kingdom and of the United States again made special financial contributions to ensure broad attendance. A total of 27 States attended the seminar together with various competent international bodies.

⁶ Pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 5 (XXXIV) of 9 May 1991, General Assembly resolution S-20/4 B of 10 June 1998 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/31 of 28 July 1999.

⁷ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3).

⁸ Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

⁹ This information is requested on a voluntary basis in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/20, in which the Council, inter alia:

“8. *Urges* Governments ... to inform the Board on a regular basis ... of the quantities of substances listed in Table I of the 1988 Convention that they have imported, exported or trans-shipped, and encourages them to estimate their annual licit needs;

“9. *Requests* the Board ... to collect information pursuant to paragraph 8 above, and to further develop and strengthen its database in order to assist Governments in preventing diversion of substances listed in Table I of the 1988 Convention ...;

“... ”

“13. *Encourages* Governments to consider strengthening, where necessary, the working mechanisms established to prevent diversion of substances listed in Table II of the 1988 Convention, as described in the resolution”.

¹⁰ Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

¹¹ An overview on the licit uses of substances listed in Tables I and II of the 1988 Convention is shown in annex II, section D.

¹² The competent authorities of the following countries and territories participate in Operation Purple: Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Hong Kong SAR of China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Germany, India, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Russian Federation, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela.

- ¹³ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), paras. 40-50.
- ¹⁴ The Committee for Operation Purple consists of representatives of the competent authorities of China, Hong Kong SAR of China, Colombia, Germany, India, Spain, Ukraine and the United States, as well as the INCB secretariat, Interpol and the World Customs Organization.
- ¹⁵ The final report of the steering committee, entitled "International potassium permanganate monitoring initiative Operation Purple, phase I", was distributed to all Governments during the forty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and non-participating countries were invited to join in the operation.
- ¹⁶ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), para. 59.
- ¹⁷ The Governments of the following countries and territories attended the meeting: Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Hong Kong SAR of China, Colombia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mexico, Myanmar, Netherlands, Pakistan, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States and Uzbekistan.
- ¹⁸ The Steering Committee for Operation Topaz consists of representatives of the competent authorities of China, Colombia, Germany, India, Romania, Singapore, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, Uzbekistan and the European Commission, as well as the secretariat of the Board, Interpol and the World Customs Organization.
- ¹⁹ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), paras. 53-58.
- ²⁰ In resolution 5 (XXXIV) of May 1991 the Commission on Narcotic Drugs invited the Board to advise the Commission on the adequacy and propriety of the Tables of the 1988 Convention, and the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1999/31, requested the Board "to consider the necessary measures, in accordance with article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, for the transfer of acetic anhydride and potassium permanganate from Table II to Table I of the Convention".
- ²¹ The proposals of the Board regarding the nomenclature of the substance are contained in the 1998 report of the Board on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention.
- ²² *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1998 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.99.XI.3), paras. 73-83.
- ²³ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), paras. 66-74.
- ²⁴ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), paras. 75-84.
- ²⁵ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1998 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.99.XI.3).
- ²⁶ *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.1), paras. 40-47.

- ²⁷ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), paras. 97 and 98.
- ²⁸ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), pp. 10 and 11.
- ²⁹ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), paras. 51-52.
- ³⁰ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), para. 38.
- ³¹ *Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.XI.3), para. 121.