

RESOLUTION OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL  
CONCERNING THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN  
NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

NOTING that the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is dramatically increasing worldwide, that it constitutes a danger to Members' economic and social interests, and that it is a major contributor to the illegal supply of such substances in many countries,

CONVINCED that the suppression of illicit traffic demands urgent attention and the highest priority, and close co-operation between Customs and other competent authorities,

CONVINCED ALSO that the failure to prosecute or otherwise penalize all offenders impedes the global effort to combat illicit drug use by apparently tolerating the possession of small amounts of illegal substances,

ENCOURAGES Members and Customs or Economic Unions to :

1. Focus attention on the smugglers of small quantities of illicit drugs as well as on the smugglers of large quantities,
2. Exercise to the fullest their powers to interdict illicit drugs, and
3. Ensure effective measures are taken even when small quantities of illicit drugs are found,

EXPRESSES the hope that there will be maximum co-operation at the national level to implement this Resolution,

INVITES Members and Customs or Economic Unions to bring this Resolution to the attention of the competent authorities at the national and international level.

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