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**Administrative and budgetary questions****Securing assured and predictable funding for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme****Note by the Secretariat**

1. In paragraph 8 (a) of its resolution 46/9, entitled “Securing assured and predictable funding for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs invited the Executive Director to review, in consultation with the Secretary-General, whether the resources from the regular budget of the United Nations allocated to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme for the implementation of its functions arising from the international drug control treaties and other mandates were commensurate with the relevant requirements and to report to the Commission at its reconvened forty-sixth session. The information below is provided in response to that request.

2. The consolidated budget contained in the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of 17 September 2003 (E/CN.7/2003/20 and Add.1) contains a summary of the Secretary-General’s proposed budget for the biennium 2004-2005 for section 17 of the United Nations regular budget, International drug control. The proposal was arrived at after due consultation with the Executive Director in early 2003 and shows a real resource growth of 5.7 per cent over the biennium 2002-2003. The proposal has been reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and is currently under consideration by the General Assembly. As part of the normal budgeting cycle, further consultations, also taking into full consideration Commission resolution 46/9, will be held in early 2005 when the regular budget for the biennium 2006-2007 is prepared.

