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CND Res.6(XXX). The need for activities in the African countries

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Considering Economic and Social Council resolution 2065(LXII) of 13 May 1977, which urges that priority should be given to assisting African countries in their efforts to develop programmes designed to counter drug abuse and the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Concerned at the increase in the abuse of, and illicit traffic in, cannabis and psychotropic substances in the African countries,

Recognizing that the problems related to drug addiction affected the African individual, family and society,

Noting that many African countries at present do not have the human, material or financial resources to combat effectively the abuse of, and illicit traffic in, drugs,

Appreciating the programme of preventive education under implementation in the region since 1975 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with the support of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control,

Taking note with satisfaction of the conclusions of the seminars organized at Lagos, November 1979, Dakar, January 1980, and Rabat, April 1981,

Taking note also of the recommendations of the expert group convened by the Division of Narcotic Drugs at Vienna in October 1982, on the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 and the same Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,

1. Suggests that further domestic and international activities be undertaken aimed at manpower training, research, and solving the problems related to treatment, demand, abuse illicit traffic and availability of drugs of abuse, including khat, in the African region;
2. Invites the African countries which have not yet done so, to ratify (or adhere to) the existing international convention on drugs, and in particular the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances;
3. Requests the Division of Narcotic Drugs, the specialized agencies of the United Nations, and other international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, to increase their assistance to African countries, especially in the fields of research on and prevention and treatment of drug addiction, and also in the training of drug law enforcement personnel;
4. Requests the appropriate United Nations bodies, within available resources, to consider providing adequate financial support for the implementation of the present resolution;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to communicate the text of the present resolution to all Governments.

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