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**CND Res.1(XXII). Technical assistance for narcotics control**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Considering that the United Nations exercises certain responsibilities of supervision over the application of the multilateral conventions dealing with narcotic drugs, and that the World Health Organization also has important responsibilities under these conventions,

Recognizing that technical assistance, by the exchange of technical knowledge between countries, provides a useful means of increasing the effectiveness of the provisions of these conventions for limiting the use of narcotic drugs to medical and scientific purposes, and for combating the illicit traffic,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 548 E(XVIII) of 12 July 1954 recommending that the technical assistance services of the United Nations and the specialized agencies give due consideration to any requests which the countries concerned may make for assistance in developing appropriate administrative or social measures for the gradual suppression of the habit of coca chewing or for other remedial measures,

Recalling that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs has recommended to Governments that, with respect to important seizures of opium made in the illicit traffic, the reports which they are obligated to make under article 23 of the 1931 Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs should include determinations of the origin of the opium ascertained by physical and chemical methods, and has invited them to consider setting up their own facilities for making such determinations in conjunction with the United Nations Narcotics Laboratory,

Taking account of the arrangements previously established by the General Assembly concerning the programmes of technical assistance and the advisory services of the United Nations in its resolutions 200 (III) (Technical assistance for economic development), 246 (III) (International facilities for the promotion of training in public administration), and 418 (V) (Advisory social welfare services), as amended by subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly [1/](#),

Considering that the specialized agencies, particularly the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, within their competence and by virtue of their regular programmes of technical assistance, are able to render important services to their members in this field, and that certain other organizations are also so equipped,

1. Invites Governments to consider the possibility of applying, under existing arrangements concerned with technical assistance, for the following forms of assistance in the field of narcotics control:

(a) Advisory services of experts,

(b) Fellowships and scholarships,

(c) Seminars,

(d) Laboratory services in connexion with the determination of the origin of narcotics found in the illicit traffic. by physical and chemical means,

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council and to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at subsequent sessions concerning the extent to which he has been able to meet requests for technical assistance in narcotics control under existing resolutions;
3. Requests the Economic and Social Council to examine ways and means of achieving the objectives of this resolution in the light of the report of the eleventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and of the Secretary-General's report referred to in the previous paragraph;
4. Recommends that the specialized agencies continue to develop their technical assistance activities with a view to aiding Member States in the field of narcotics control;
5. Expresses the hope that non-governmental organizations, including foundations and universities, will support technical assistance for narcotics control according to their fields of interest, and requests the Secretary-General to investigate the possibilities of such support and to report thereon to the Commission and the Council.

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1/ Amending resolutions: 304(IV) (Expanded programme of technical assistance for economic development of under-developed countries), 305(IV) (Technical assistance for economic development under General Assembly resolution 200(III)), 518(VI) (Technical assistance activities under General Assembly resolutions 200(III), 246(III) and 418(V)), 519(VI) (Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the economic development of underdeveloped countries), 723(VIII) (Technical assistance in public administration), and 831(IX) (Programmes of technical assistance).

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