

**CND Resolution 3(XXIV). Ad Hoc Committee on Illicit Traffic in the Near and Middle East**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Considering the discussions which have taken place at its twenty-fourth session, under agenda items 5 and 6, concerning the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Noting with deep concern that, as the debates have revealed, a substantial increase in the illicit drug traffic and in drug addiction has taken place in the past twenty months,

Taking into consideration the serious danger which this increase represents for public health and the well-being of mankind,

Considering it essential to strengthen co-operation at this time in the Near and Middle East in the struggle against the illicit traffic by more frequent and closer contacts between the Governments most directly concerned,

Having regard to rules 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28 and 72 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/4767),

1. Decides that an Ad Hoc Committee on Illicit Traffic in the Near and Middle East shall be established to study the items of the Commission's agenda referred to in the first preambular paragraph as regards the above-mentioned region, for the purpose of promoting more effective co-operation and mutual assistance in the suppression of illicit traffic within, from and into that region;
2. Requests the Committee to report to the Commission at its next session;
3. Decides that Iran, Pakistan and Turkey shall be members of the Committee; that Afghanistan shall be invited to participate in the Committee's work; and that the Chairman of the Commission, in agreement with the Committee members mentioned above, may designate an additional member to serve on the Committee;
4. Authorizes the Committee to meet during the present session of the Commission and also between the present session and the next;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to give his consent for the Committee to meet also between the present session and the next; and to designate a representative to the Committee and such other staff as he deems necessary;
6. Decides that the meetings of the Committee shall be held at Geneva or in the territory of the States of the region represented on the Committee;
7. Invites the International Narcotics Control Board to participate in the work of the Committee;
8. Authorizes the Chairman of the Commission to invite representatives of the following organizations to participate in the Committee's work: the International Arab Narcotics Bureau of the League of Arab States, the International Road Transport Union, the Customs Co-operation Council, the International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO/INTERPOL) and any competent intergovernmental organization.

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