The Commission decided to draw the attention of the Economic and Social Council to the fact that the volume of illicit traffic throughout the world was still considerable, that the amounts of narcotic drugs in the illicit traffic in certain areas had increased alarmingly, that clandestine factories were still operating and that a new danger had been created by the appearance of synthetic drugs, and to recommend that all States parties to the international conventions on narcotic drugs should:

(1) Increase their efforts to detect and suppress the illicit production of opium, coca leaves and other raw materials from which narcotic drugs are produced, and the illicit manufacture of these drugs;

(2) Apply stringent measures of control to the trade in and the distribution and transportation of narcotic drugs, paying special attention to the smuggling of drugs in aeroplanes;

(3) Strengthen measures for apprehending traffickers and subject them to severe penalties under existing laws.

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