CND Res.III(XIII). The proposed Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Having completed the draft of a Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs pursuant to resolutions 159 IID(VII) and 246 D(IX) of the Economic and Social Council,

1. Decides to transmit to the Council the revised text of the draft Convention adopted at the Commission's twelfth and thirteenth sessions (annexes VI and V of the respective reports) for such further action as the Council may wish to take;

2. Recommends the adoption by the Council of the following resolution:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling its resolutions 159 IID(VII) and 246 D(IX) requesting the preparation of a draft of a Single Convention in order to replace by a single instrument the existing multilateral treaties relating to the control of narcotic drugs, to reduce the number of international treaty organs exclusively concerned with such control and to make provision for the control of the production of raw materials of narcotic drugs,

"Noting that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs has completed such a draft,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the draft of the Single Convention adopted by the Commission at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions to all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to the World Health Organization, other specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Permanent Central Opium Board and Drugs Supervisory Body, and to the International Criminal Police Organization;

"2. Invites the States and organizations referred to in paragraph 1 to transmit to the Secretary-General their comments on the draft not later than 1 October 1959;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, and to communicate to these States and Organizations by 31 December 1959, a compilation of the comments received by the Secretariat by 1 November 1959;

"4. Decides to convene, in accordance with article 62, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, and with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 366 (IV), a plenipotentiary conference for the adoption of a Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs to replace the existing multilateral treaties in the field;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General:

"(a) To call such a conference within a reasonable period, in the light of the time-limits mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

"(b) To invite to the conference:

(i) The States mentioned in paragraph 1 above;

(ii) The World Health Organization and other specialized agencies interested in the matter, with the same rights as they enjoy at session of the Economic and Social Council;

(iii) The Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body, with the same rights as these two organs
enjoy at sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

(iv) The International Criminal Police Organization, with the same rights as this Organization enjoys at sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

"(c) To prepare provisional rules of procedure for the conference."

3. The Commission decided to recommend the following order of priority in the field of narcotic drugs:

FIRST PART

Continuing functions

First priority

(a) Functions arising out of the implementation of the existing international treaties on narcotic drugs.

SECOND PART

Continuing projects

First priority

(b) Scientific research on opium

(c) Drug addiction

(d) The problem of synthetic narcotic drugs

(e) The problem of cannabis

(f) The problem of the coca leaf

(g) The question of khat

(h) United Nations Bulletin on Narcotics

(i) Questions relating to control of other substances (barbiturates, tranquillizers, etc.)

Second priority

(j) Scientific research on other narcotic drugs (including cannabis)

(k) Narcotics bibliography

Ad hoc project

(l) Carriage of narcotic drugs in first-aid kits of aircraft engaged in international flight.

(4) The Commission recommended that its Committee on Illicit Traffic should, as in previous years, convene three working days in advance of the opening of the fourteenth session.

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