The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recognizing that, in order to be more effective, measures against drug abuse must be co-ordinated at the widest possible international level,

Recalling that at its twenty-fourth session it established an Ad Hoc Committee on Illicit Traffic in the Near and Middle East to study questions related to illicit drug traffic in that region in order to promote more effective co-operation and mutual assistance in the suppression of illicit traffic within, from and into the region,

Noting the valuable report and recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee, 143/

Having regard to rule 66 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council,

1. Endorses the recommendations of its Ad Hoc Committee on Illicit Traffic in the Near and Middle East (with the exception of the recommendation contained in paragraph 78, A (6) of the Ad Hoc Committee's report) and commends them to the Governments concerned with a view to their taking the measures which they consider appropriate for their timely implementation;

2. Calls upon States, interested international organizations and agencies to render, where possible, necessary assistance to the States concerned for the implementation of the recommendations;

3. Establishes, subject to the authorization of the Economic and Social Council, a sub-commission on illicit traffic in the Near and Middle East consisting of one representative each of Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey and a representative of Sweden, to study the implementation of these recommendations, to propose for this purpose, if appropriate, supplementary recommendations to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and to formulate recommendations to the aforesaid Commission on other related matters, as determined by the sub-commission itself or requested by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

4. Invites the Governments concerned to participate in the sub-commission's work;

5. Authorizes the sub-commission to set up, in agreement with the Secretary-General, working groups to study particular operational questions and to make recommendations thereon;

6. Decides that meetings of the sub-commission and its working groups shall be held in Geneva or in the territory of the States of the region members of the sub-commission, that the sub-commission shall meet once a year in Geneva, shall undertake, with the consent of the interested Governments of the region, a study tour in the territories of the regional members every year, and that the terms of office of the members shall begin on the day of its establishment;

7. Invites the International Narcotics Control Board to participate in the work of the sub-commission;

8. Authorizes the chairman of the sub-commission to invite as observers ICPO/INTERPOL, the International Road Transport Union, the International Arab Narcotics Bureau of the League of Arab States and other competent international organizations to participate in the sub-commission's work;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to make available such staff as he deems necessary to facilitate the work of the sub-commission and its working groups;

10. Requests the sub-commission to report to the Commission.

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