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**CND Res.4(S-IV). Secretariat units for international narcotics control<sup>\*/</sup>**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the General Assembly's request that the Economic and Social Council examine the programme aspects of the present secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Division of Narcotic Drugs, with a view to identifying any duplication and overlapping of activities that might exist, and to consider, within this context, the possibility of streamlining or combining both secretariats in the interest of economy and expeditious administration and management,

Having been requested by the Council to consider and express its views on this question,

Bearing in mind that the Board, an organ established by the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs and composed of persons acting in their individual capacity, carries out, assisted by its staff, specific technical functions enumerated in the treaties on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Noting that the Division of Narcotic Drugs, a regular administrative segment of the United Nations Secretariat, serves as the secretariat of the Commission, a policy-making body composed of government representatives, and in the field of drug control carries out operation and other functions differing from those of the Board and therefore properly subject to scrutiny exclusively by the Commission and not by the Board,

Aware that the Board's functions are of such a nature that the Single Convention requires the Council, in consultation with the Board, to make all necessary arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the Board in carrying out these functions,

Recalling that as recently as May 1973 the Council, in agreement with the Commission, the Secretary-General and the Board, reconfirmed, without objection, the arrangements, in effect for many years, which provide for the Board's staff to operate separately from but in tandem with the Division,

Reiterating its belief that these arrangements take account of the treaty requirements and at the same time do not lead to duplication and overlapping and provide the most efficient framework for the Board and its staff, and the Division, to carry out effectively their differing mandates,

Taking into account resolution I of the 1972 United Nations Conference to consider amendments to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, which expresses the view that the administrative arrangements in respect of the secretariat of the Board meet the wishes of States parties to the Single Convention and to earlier conventions and recommends that they be continued,

Recommends to the Council that the arrangements now in force should remain in effect.

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<sup>\*/</sup> See E/5771-E/CN.7/587, chap. XV and XII.

