At its 833rd meeting, on 23 February 1977, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in accordance with recommendation No. 1 of the Third Meeting of Operational Heads of National Narcotics Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East Region (E/CN.7/601, para. 38), decided that, provided that not less than five countries of the region requested the participation at a future meeting of an observer from a country outside of the region affected by the illicit drug traffic from the Far East and having an operational involvement in combating this traffic, an invitation should be sent to such a country by the Division of Narcotic Drugs, on the understanding that any expenses incurred by such attendance should be borne by the country so invited.

*/* See E/5933; E/CN.7/605, chap. II.