

CHAPTER I

MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, AND
DATE, PLACE AND AGENDA OF THE COMMISSION'S NEXT SESSION

A. Draft resolutions

1. At its twenty-ninth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

I

Implementation of the 1971 Convention on
Psychotropic Substances 1/

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,

Recalling its resolution 1576 (L) of 20 May 1971 endorsing the invitation of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Protocol on Psychotropic Substances to States, to the extent they are able to do so, to apply provisionally the measures of control provided in the Convention pending its entry into force for each of them,

Recalling also its resolutions 1773 (LIV) and 1847 (LVI) urging Governments that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the 1971 Convention as soon as possible,

Noting with deep concern the extensive and increasing abuse of psychotropic substances and the related trafficking, which often involves diversion from licit channels,

Noting that the Board has drawn attention to cases of substantial diversion of Schedule II substances and in particular of methaqualone, amphetamine and methamphetamine,

Noting in particular paragraphs 21 to 36 and 162 to 172 of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1980,

1. Appeals to all States that have not yet adhered to the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances to become Parties promptly, and pending such time to apply the measures of control provided in the Convention to the extent they are able to do so;

2. Urges Parties to the Convention that have not yet done so to enact without delay implementing laws and regulations and to enforce them fully, especially with regard to prior authorization of imports and exports, as specified in article 12, paragraph 1 of the Convention;

1/ See chap. II, B, below.

3. Calls upon exporting countries to use the utmost care to verify the authenticity of each import authorization, and, in case of doubt, seek to ensure that the amounts of the substances requested are commensurate with the apparent legal requirements of manufacture or domestic consumption of the importing country, and to obtain confirmation of the import certificate's authenticity, using as appropriate the Board's good offices to facilitate such verification;

4. Calls upon importing countries to exercise continuing vigilance to ensure that the quantities of substances requested in their import certificates are commensurate with their legal requirements for manufacture or domestic consumption and to co-operate with exporting countries and the Board with a view to guarding against diversion from licit manufacture and trade;

5. Invites Governments of countries manufacturing, exporting or importing Schedule II substances to provide voluntarily to the Board in a timely manner information enabling the Board to monitor more closely the manufacture, export and import of these substances particularly where free trading zones are involved;

6. Invites all Governments to respond positively to the suggestion of the International Narcotics Control Board that they assess from time to time their medical and scientific requirements for substances listed in Schedule II of the Convention as well as for other controlled substances and to communicate this information to the Board for publication with a view to providing guidance for manufacture and export;

7. Further invites all Governments to consider the Board's suggestion that they should voluntarily refrain from exporting Schedule II substances in amounts that exceed countries' assessments or that clearly exceed the countries' likely needs unless prior consultation with the importing country confirms that the amount in question is desired;

8. Requests Parties and the Board to study ways in which the Convention might be strengthened by formal amendment in the light of the experience gained in Governments voluntary application of measures recommended by the Board;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to all Governments and invite them to bring it to the attention of their competent authorities in order to ensure the implementation of its provisions.

II

Maintenance of a worldwide balance between the supply of narcotic drugs and the legitimate demand for these drugs for medical and scientific purposes ^{2/}

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, to limit the cultivation, production, manufacture and use of narcotic drugs to a quantity required for medical and scientific purposes,

^{2/} See chap. VI below.

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/8 and 1980/20 and General Assembly resolution 35/195,

Bearing in mind that the maintenance of a world-wide balance between the supply of narcotic drugs and the legitimate demand for these drugs for medical and scientific purposes constitutes an important aspect of the international drug abuse control strategy and policy,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1980 on the world requirements and supply of narcotic raw materials for medical and scientific purposes and in particular the observations made in paragraphs 58 and 60 of the report,

Noting the observations of the Board that maintenance of excessive stocks in some countries has cast heavy additional financial and other burdens on those countries,

1. Appeals to the Governments of all importing countries to support the countries referred to in paragraph 58 of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1980, which, as traditional supplier countries, have been the longest-standing producers for export of narcotic raw materials for medical and scientific purposes;

2. Urges the Governments of major producing countries that have recently set up additional capacities for export to restrict, as recommended in paragraph 60 of the Board's report for 1980, their production programmes to meet mainly their domestic requirements;

3. Requests the Board to continue a dialogue with the Governments concerned in regard to expeditious implementation of the resolutions on the subject so as to restore a lasting balance between supply and demand;

4. Requests also the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments for their consideration.

III

The promotion of understanding of the problems of drug abuse by the general public 3/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling article 38, paragraph 3, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and article 20, paragraph 3, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/195,

Deeply concerned that the spread of drug abuse threatens the health of the young and constitutes a problem that jeopardizes the future of a number of communities,

3/ See chap. IV, C, below.

Recognizing that better-informed public opinion could substantially increase the effectiveness of the fight against abuse,

Recognizing also that full and accurate information is essential if the maximum effect is to be obtained from the efforts of the international community,

1. Requests Governments to attribute primary importance to ensuring that full and accurate information concerning the hazardous effects of the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is available to all who may be able to assist in preventing drug abuse, especially among young people;

2. Urges Governments, having due regard to their constitutional, legal and administrative systems, to take all possible action to stop the publication or propagation of any written or other material that directly or indirectly encourages, stimulates or aims at increasing drug abuse;

3. Invites Governments to supply in the most appropriate manner all information and material necessary to ensure that national and international public opinion is correctly informed of efforts and achievements against drug abuse and the illicit drug traffic;

4. Asks the Governments and agencies concerned to confine any press releases or statements from official sources to accurate information that avoids any presumption or speculation for which no proof exists;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to the Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned for their consideration and appropriate action.

IV

Special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs ^{4/}

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2001 (LX) of 12 May 1976,

Recognizing that the social and human problems created by drug abuse continue to increase,

Aware of the need for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to examine specific topics related to that problem in more detail than is possible in the course of its biennial sessions,

Decides that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall hold a special session of five days' duration in 1982 at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, so that costs will be minimized.

^{4/} See chap. VIII below and annex I.

B. Other matters requiring action by the
Economic and Social Council

2. At its 896th, 897th, 904th, 905th and 907th meetings, on 3, 9 and 10 February 1981, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs examined agenda item 4 entitled "Strategy and policies for drug control". At its 909th meeting, on 11 February 1981, in response to General Assembly resolutions 32/124 of 16 December 1977, 33/168 of 20 December 1978, 34/177 of 17 December 1979 and 35/195 of 15 December 1980, the Commission adopted by consensus, as orally amended, a draft resolution entitled "Strategy and Policies for Drug Control" (E/CN.7/L.526), to which was annexed a report on long-term strategy, a five-year programme of action and a statement of financial implications. In that resolution, the Commission invited the Council to bring the text of the resolution to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, together with any comments it might wish to make thereon. (For the text of this resolution, see chapter XI, A, below, resolution 1 (XXIX)).

3. At its 910th meeting on 11 February 1981, the Commission adopted by consensus a draft resolution entitled "Fund allocation for United Nations drug control activities" (E/CN.7/L.536). In that resolution the Commission invited the Council to consider the request contained therein and to transmit the text of the resolution to other appropriate bodies. (For the text of this resolution, see chapter XI, A, below, resolution 6 (XXIX)).

4. At its 895th meeting, on 2 February 1981, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs discussed the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1980. The attention of the Council is drawn to the Commission's comments on the Board's report, contained in paragraphs 18 to 30 and 191 to 256 below.

5. In that connexion, the Commission recommends to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

I

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board 5/

At its plenary, on 1981, the Council took note of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1980.

6. At its 906th meeting, on 10 February 1981, the Commission discussed its programme of work and priorities under agenda item 12. It drew up the provisional agenda and list of documents for its thirtieth session, to be held in 1983, and decided by consensus to submit the following draft decision to the Council for approval:

5/ See chap. II, B, below.

II

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirtieth session
of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 6/

At its plenary meeting, on 1981, the Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the thirtieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Reports on action related to international drug control taken at the international level:
 - (a) Report on action taken by international drug control bodies of the United Nations;
 - (b) Reports of specialized agencies and international organs and organizations;
 - (c) Report of the International Narcotics Control Board, with particular reference to world requirements and supply of opiates;
 - (d) Report on scientific research, including (i) general information; and (ii) the work of the United Nations Narcotics Laboratory.
4. Implementation of the international treaties on the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
5. Situation and trends in drug abuse and the illicit traffic, including reports of subsidiary bodies concerned with the illicit traffic in drugs
6. Review and implementation of the programme of strategy and policies for drug control
7. Report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and reports related to operations financed by it
8. Programme of work and priorities
9. Report of the Commission on its thirtieth session

6/ See chap. VIII below.

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 - Item 5 Review of drug abuse and measures to reduce illicit demand
Review of the illicit traffic
Report of INCB for 1982 (Part)
Latest report(s) of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic
and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East
Report on the latest Meeting(s) of the Operational Heads of
National Narcotics Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East Region
 - Item 6 Review of strategy and policies for drug control
 - Item 7 Report of UNFDAC for 1981-82
Financial data on UNFDAC-financed operations
 - Item 8 Programme of work and priorities
7. At that same meeting, the Commission decided to request that the Council authorize a special session of the Commission in 1982. The Commission established the special agenda and list of documents that would be required for that session and decided by consensus to submit the following draft decision to the Council for approval:

III

Provisional agenda and documentation for the seventh special session
of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 7/

At its plenary meeting, on 1981, the Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the seventh special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

7/ See chap. VIII below and resolution IV above.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Consideration of urgent proposals for scheduling or rescheduling
4. Report of the International Narcotics Control Board, with particular reference to world requirements and supply of opiates
5. Review of the programme of strategy and policies and ongoing projects financed by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control
6. Development of preventive and treatment measures to reduce the illicit demand for drugs and of specific countermeasures against the illicit traffic
7. Report of the Commission on its seventh special session.

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Interim report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control
- Item 6 Preventive and treatment measures to reduce the illicit demand
for drugs
Countermeasures against the illicit traffic
Review of trends in drug abuse and the illicit traffic

8. At its 909th meeting, on 11 February 1981, the Commission examined the financial implications of holding meetings of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East in 1982 and 1983 (E/CN.7/L.534) (annex I). It took note that there were no financial implications for the Meeting of Operational Heads for Narcotic Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East Region. It then decided by 22 votes to none with 4 abstentions to submit the following draft decision to the Council for approval:

IV

Calendar of conferences for 1982 and 1983

At its plenary meeting, on 1981, the Council decided to insert in its calendar of conferences for 1982 and 1983, one meeting each year for the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East and for the Meeting of Operational Heads of Narcotics Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East Region. The meetings are to be held in capitals in the respective regions at a date to be determined later.

9. At its 910th meeting, on 11 February 1981, the Commission adopted the report on its twenty-ninth session and decided by consensus to submit the following draft decision to the Council for approval:

V

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its plenary meeting, on 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its twenty-ninth session.