

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 thirtieth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

I

Review and implementation of the programme of strategy and policies for drug control 1/

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 36/168 of 16 December 1981 entitled "International Drug Abuse Control Strategy" by which the Assembly requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to establish a task force, in the context of that Strategy, to monitor and review the programme of action and to report to the Commission thereon,

Noting that the Commission in its resolution 1 (S-VII) of 8 February 1982 decided, inter alia, to establish that task force on a provisional basis, as outlined in paragraph 90 of its report on the seventh special session (E/1982/13), and to review the composition of the task force at its next regular session in 1983,

Noting further the number of representations subsequently made to the Secretary-General concerning the provisional membership of the task force and its possible enlargement (E/CN.7/1983/3/Add.1),

Aware that a task force with limited participation may prove to be discriminatory in nature,

Recognizing that the original purpose of the task force would be thwarted if the task force were to become too large,

Recognizing also that the monitoring and review procedure as currently organized may lead to a duplication of effort between the Commission and its task force,

Concerned that the financial constraints under which the task force was authorized to meet (A/C.3/36/L.88) made it necessary for the Commission to renounce its own meeting when its task force was in session, thereby further curtailing the time available to the Commission for examination of its agenda items,

Having taken note of the report of the task force on its discussions held immediately prior to and during the thirtieth session of the Commission,

Recommends to the General Assembly that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting in plenary during its sessions and in the presence of all interested observers, should in future replace the present task force as provisionally established and thus constitute the task force envisaged in General Assembly resolution 36/168.

II

Demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs 2/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/8 of 9 May 1979, 1980/20 of 30 April 1980, 1981/8 of 6 May 1981 and 1982/12 of 30 April 1982, as well as Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 1 (XXIX) of 11 February 1981 entitled "Strategy and Policies for Drug Control",

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1982,

Taking note of the report of the expert group convened by the Division of Narcotic Drugs to explore the feasibility of creation of an international buffer stock of opiate raw materials or transfer of these stocks to the manufacturers' stocks or to special stocks in the consuming countries,

Noting with concern that the traditional supplier countries continue to hold large accumulated stocks of opiate raw materials which constitute a heavy financial and other burden for them,

Recognizing the urgent need to liquidate the accumulated stocks held by the traditional supplier countries, with a view to achieving a lasting world-wide balance between demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific purposes,

1. Urges the Governments of those countries that have not already done so to take urgent and effective steps to implement the above-mentioned resolutions;
2. Further urges the Governments of concerned producing and consuming countries to consider, after mutual consultation where necessary, implementing such measures for the disposal of excess stocks recommended in the report of the above-mentioned expert group as may be found feasible and most fruitful, and also to consider other possible measures suggested by the expert group which might contribute to an improvement in the present situation;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments for their consideration and implementation.

III

Measures to improve international co-operation in the
maritime interdiction of illicit drug traffic 3/

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the observations made by the expert group to study the functioning, adequacy and enhancement of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 at its 1982 meeting, particularly with regard to the need for bilateral regional arrangements concerning the boarding of sea-going vessels involved in drug trafficking,

Bearing in mind Article 4 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, applicable international conventions and the concern of the international community to suppress illegal traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Noting with concern the alarming number of private vessels transporting illicit drugs on the high seas,

Noting also with concern the large proportion of recidivists among smugglers of illicit drugs by sea,

Recognizing that in many instances illicit drug traffickers also engage in fraudulent practices with respect to the flag State registration of their vessels,

Firmly believing that in order to be effective in combating illicit maritime traffic, registry information must be readily accessible to and verifiable by law enforcement personnel aboard the vessel and within the claimed flag State,

Convinced that legitimate shipping interests will not be unreasonably hampered by adoption of effective steps by all States to provide, in accordance with relevant domestic constitutional safeguards and legislations, for prompt, positive and unmistakable identification of private vessels registered under their flag,

1. Appeals to Governments to inspect closely all requests for registration of private sea-going vessels to ensure that the vessels are those which the applicants are appropriately entitled to register;
2. Urges Governments to require their flag vessels to carry on board documents attesting to their registry;
3. Requests Governments to explore methods of strengthening international co-operation in combating illicit maritime drug trafficking, and to respond promptly to enquiries made for law enforcement purposes by other States regarding the registry of vessels;
4. Recommends that Governments consider establishing a national centralized vessel registry system for their private flag vessels, to facilitate the international co-ordination needed to implement this resolution;

5. Encourages all States to take prompt action, with due regard to their constitutional, legal and administrative systems, to curtail employment of their flag vessels in the illicit drug trade and to impose significant sanctions on persons convicted of such activity;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the text of this resolution to all Governments and to invite them to bring it to the attention of their competent authorities for consideration.

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 those problems and to review the international Conventions in more detail than is possible in the course of its biennial sessions,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council decision 1982/114 of 3 May 1982 and the associated discussions, General Assembly resolutions 36/117A and 35/10A, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1768 (LIV),

Decides that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall hold a special session of five days' duration in 1984 at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, and within existing United Nations resources, for the fulfilment of its treaty obligations (consideration of scheduling decisions, establishment of guidelines for the exemption of preparations, consideration of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board) and to deal with other urgent matters.

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

2. At its 926th meeting, on 9 February 1983, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs discussed the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1982. The attention of the Council is drawn to the Commission's comments, contained in chapter V of the present report. In that connection, the Commission recommended to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

I

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board 5/

At its plenary meeting, on 1983, the Council took note of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1982.

3. At its 935th meeting, on 15 February 1983, the Commission discussed its programme of work and priorities under agenda item 8. It drew up the provisional agenda and list of documents for its thirty-first session, to be held in 1985, and decided by consensus to submit the following draft decision to the Council for approval:

II

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 6/

At its plenary meeting, on 1983, the Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Situation and trends in drug abuse and the illicit traffic, including reports of subsidiary bodies concerned with the illicit traffic in drugs
4. Reports on action related to international drug control taken at the international level:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on action taken by international drug control bodies of the United Nations;
 - (b) Report by the Secretary-General on scientific research, including the work of the Laboratory Section of the Division of Narcotic Drugs;
 - (c) Report of the International Narcotics Control Board, with particular reference to world requirements and supply of opiates;
 - (d) Report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and reports related to operations financed by it;
 - (e) Reports of specialized agencies and international organs and organizations.
5. Implementation of the international treaties on the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

6. Review and implementation of the international drug control strategy.
7. Programme of future work and priorities.
8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-first session.

Requested documentation

- Item 2 Provisional agenda
Annotated provisional agenda
- Item 3 Review of drug abuse and measures to reduce illicit demand
Review of the illicit traffic
Reports on the latest sessions of the Sub-Commission on
Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near
and Middle East
Reports on the latest Meetings of the Operational Heads
of National Narcotics Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East
Region
- Item 4 Report of the Secretary-General on international action
Report of the Secretary-General on scientific research
Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984
Report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control
Reports of specialized agencies and international organs and
organizations
- Item 5 Implementation of the international drug control treaties
Status of multilateral treaties
- Item 6 Review of the strategy and programme of action
- Item 7 Review of the programme of future work

4. At the same meeting, the Commission decided to request that the Council authorize a special session of the Commission in 1984. 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 eighth special session
of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 7/

At its plenary meeting, on 1983, the Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the eighth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Consideration of notifications for scheduling of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances
4. Review of establishment of guidelines for the exemption of preparations under the provisions of article 3 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances
5. Review of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1983
6. Review of annual reports questionnaire (article 18 of the Single Convention and article 16 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances)
7. Examination of alternative means of fulfilling the Commission's treaty-based functions in the light of the bienniality of the Commission's sessions as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council
8. Other urgent business

Requested documentation

- Item 2 Provisional agenda
Annotated provisional agenda
- Item 3 Note by the Secretary-General on notifications received pursuant to the international drug control treaties
- Item 4 Report of the Secretary-General on the status of guidelines for exemption of preparations
- Item 5 Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1983
- Item 6 Note by the Secretary-General on draft Annual Reports Questionnaire
Draft Annual Reports Questionnaire
- Item 7 Note by the Secretary-General on the Commission's treaty-based functions

5. At its 934th meeting, on 15 February 1983, the Commission considered the comments received from Governments concerning the appropriateness of proclaiming an International Year against Drug Abuse. The Commission's deliberations on the subject, pursuant to instructions contained in Council resolution 1982/10 of 30 April 1982 entitled "International Year against Drug Abuse", appear in chapter VIII, C, below. In the light of the Commission's recommendation not to proclaim such a Year, the Council may wish to consider the following draft decision for adoption:

IV

International Year against Drug Abuse

At its plenary meeting, on 1983, the Council took note of, and approved, the recommendation contained in the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirtieth session that it would not be appropriate to proclaim an International Year against Drug Abuse.

6. At its 933rd meeting, on 14 February 1983, 934th meeting, on 15 February 1983, and 936th and 937th meetings, on 16 February 1983, the Commission discussed its agenda item on strategy and policies for drug control. The report on those discussions appears in chapter IV below and the programme of action for the biennium 1984-1985, approved by consensus at the 937th meeting, appears in annex II. The Council may accordingly wish to adopt the following draft decision:

V

Strategy and policies for drug control

At its plenary meeting, on 1983, the Council decided to transmit annex II of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirtieth session to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session. The annex contains the programme for the third and fourth years of the United Nations Basic Five-Year Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly in the context of the International Drug Control Strategy established by resolution 36/168 of 16 December 1981, corresponding to the biennium 1984-1985, together with the comments made thereon by the Council at its first regular session of 1983.

7. At its 938th meeting, on 16 February 1983, the Commission adopted by consensus the report on its thirtieth session, and requested the secretariat to submit the following draft decision to the Council for adoption:

VI

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its plenary meeting, on 1983, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirtieth session.