

CHAPTER I

MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

A. Draft resolutions

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

I

Demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs 1/

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, 1982/12 of 30 April 1982 and 1983/3 of 24 May 1983, 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 1983 (E/INCB/1983/1) on the demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs,

Noting with concern the apprehension of the International Narcotics Control Board that a return to over-production is likely and that the possibility of an increase in the already excessive stocks cannot be excluded,

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

Bearing in mind 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,

Taking into account paragraph 55 of the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1983,

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. Requests the International Narcotics Control Board to devise and take, in accordance with the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, appropriate measures with a view to promoting and monitoring the urgent implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions;

3. Further requests the International Narcotics Control Board to assist in the further development, in consultation with the producing and consuming countries and the concerned United Nations bodies, of effective ways of

assuring a balance in supply and demand and of reducing excessive stocks of licit opiate raw materials included as activity A-1 to be undertaken by the Secretary-General under the programme of action for the biennium 1984-1985 of the United Nations Basic Five-Year Programme of the International Drug Control Strategy as approved by the General Assembly;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments for their consideration and implementation.

II

The cannabis problem 2/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1933 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 recommended by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in its resolution 3 (XXVI),

Bearing in mind that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, requires, inter alia, that the use and possession of all the substances listed in Schedule I should be confined exclusively to medical and scientific purposes,

Bearing in mind also that that Convention recommends, for the substances listed in Schedule IV (including cannabis and cannabis resin), application of all the special control measures which the Contracting Parties have deemed necessary in light of the particularly dangerous properties of those substances,

Recognizing that knowledge concerning the harm that the use of cannabis and cannabis resin can cause to human organisms, especially the brain, the lungs and cell structures, is considerably greater today than it was a few years ago,

Noting with great concern that the International Narcotics Control Board in its two most recent annual reports has emphasized that the abuse, illicit cultivation and trafficking of cannabis and cannabis resin is increasing in a majority of regions of the world,

Aware that in many regions of the world cannabis and cannabis resin obviously play an important role in the spread of drug abuse and in the illicit drug traffic, particularly among young persons,

1. Recommends that all Governments combat systematically the abuse of cannabis and cannabis resin and intensify national as well as international efforts to fight the illicit cultivation of, and traffic in, these narcotic drugs;

2. Recommends also that all Governments that have not yet done so consider all appropriate measures needed to confine the cultivation and the licit use of cannabis products to medical and scientific research, in accordance with article 2, paragraph 5 (b), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;

3. Recommends further that scientific research, and especially long-term investigations into the effects of cannabis abuse on the human organism, should be continued and accelerated;

4. Recommends in addition that all Governments should maintain or adopt appropriate preventive measures concerning the hazardous consequences of cannabis abuse;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to inform all Governments of the present resolution, and to invite them to take action with a view to its effective implementation, in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961.

III

Review for scheduling of the amphetamine-like drugs 3/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 4(XXX) of 16 February 1983,

Noting with concern the serious health and social problems posed by amphetamine-like drugs in some countries,

Noting also with concern the growing traffic in and abuse of amphetamine-like drugs in some countries not currently subject to international control,

Aware that many of these substances have limited or no recognized therapeutic use,

Recognizing that the Secretary-General has recently obtained information from many States with respect to these substances, in response to his request,

1. Urges the World Health Organization to select any of those amphetamine-like drugs for which data has been collected and which represent the most serious social and health consequences and to review those substances immediately, in accordance with Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 2(S-VII) and consistent with the principles of the new review procedures of the World Health Organization (EB.73.R11), and make its findings available to the next regular session of the Commission;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to analyze the information recently obtained by him, in accordance with all relevant provisions of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 2(S-VII), to prepare a report on the basis of that analysis, and to convey that report, together with the report of the World Health Organization, to Parties to the Convention and Members of the Commission not later than two months prior to the beginning of the next regular session of the Commission.

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

2. At its 942nd, 943rd and 944th meetings, on 7 and 8 February 1984, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs discussed the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1983. The attention of the Council is drawn to the Commission's comments, contained in chapter II.C of the present report. In that connection, the Commission recommended to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

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Report of the International Narcotics Control Board 4/

At its plenary meeting, on _____ 1984, the Council took note of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1983.

3. At its 948th meeting, on 10 February 1984, the Commission adopted by consensus the report on its eighth special session, and requested the secretariat to submit the following draft decision to the Council for adoption:

II

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its plenary meeting, on _____ 1984, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its eighth special session.