MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

A. Draft resolutions

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

I

Co-operation for the control of illicit drug trafficking and drug abuse in the African region

The Economic and Social Council,


Recalling in particular General Assembly resolution 39/142 of 14 December 1984 entitled "United Nations Declaration on the control of drug trafficking and drug abuse",

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1845 (LVI) of 15 May 1974 entitled "Co-operation for drug law enforcement in the Far East region" and Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 6 (XXX) of 16 February 1983 entitled "The need for activities in the African countries",

Recognizing the urgent need to establish co-ordination mechanisms for similar drug law enforcement co-operation in the African region",

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 39/143 of 14 December 1984 which requests the Secretary-General to ensure that a meeting of heads of national law enforcement agencies be convened in 1986,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to convene regular meetings of the operational heads of the national drug control and law enforcement agencies of States in the African region to study questions related to illicit drug traffic in the region and to establish more effective mechanisms for co-operation and mutual assistance in the suppression of illicit drug traffic within, from and into the region;

2. Recommends that the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control consider providing the financial support for these regional meetings, including the travel expenses and subsistence of one participant from each State in the region if the absence of such support meant the Government concerned not being represented;

3. Decides that the first regional meeting will be held at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa, following consultations with the Executive Secretary of that Commission to determine an appropriate date in 1987;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite observers from the International Criminal Police Organization, the Customs Co-operation Council
and other competent international and intergovernmental organizations to participate in the regional meetings at their own expense;

5. **Further requests** the Secretary-General, at his discretion, to invite observers from States which request observer status and which are actively involved in countering the illicit drug traffic in the region, to participate as observers in the meetings, on the understanding that any expenses incurred by their attendance shall be borne by the States concerned;

6. **Invites** the International Narcotics Control Board to participate as an observer in the regional meetings;

7. **Requests** the Secretary-General to report on the regional meetings to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

II

**Measures against the diversion in international commerce of specific precursors, chemicals and solvents used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances** 2/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances oblige Parties thereto to endeavour, to the best of their abilities, to apply such measures of supervision as may be practicable to substances which do not fall within the provisions of the conventions, but which may nevertheless be used for the illicit manufacture of substances falling within those provisions,

Aware that such substances include precursors, chemicals and solvents, the ready availability of which has led to an increase in the clandestine production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in many parts of the world,

Noting that particular vigilance is desired in the case of ephedrine, ephedrol, phenyl-2-propanone, ergotamine, anthranilic acid, piperidine, ethyl ether and acetic anhydride, which are frequently used for the illicit manufacture of amphetamine, methamphetamine, (+)-Lysergide (LSD), methaqualone and phencyclidine, as well as cocaine and heroin,

Bearing in mind paragraphs 40-42 of the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984 which emphasize the need to take urgent measures, at both national and international levels, to monitor the movement of such substances in the international trade, with a view to preventing their availability for the illicit manufacture of drugs,

1. **Invites** Governments, particularly of those countries in which illicit drug manufacture is known to take place, and which have not already done so, to introduce, consistent with domestic laws, a licensing or monitoring system for the supply and import of such precursors, chemicals and solvents used in the manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, or to prohibit the import of those substances where there is no licit need for them;

2. **Further invites** the Governments of countries in which such substances are manufactured, the Governments of countries which import them,
and the Governments of countries in which illicit drugs are manufactured, to monitor international trade in those substances and to co-operate closely and exchange information promptly with regard to abnormal shipments which give rise to suspicion; to inform their law enforcement services of the existence of such information exchange programmes; and to keep the International Narcotics Control Board notified, accordingly;

3. **Recommends** that Governments seize any such substances, as well as any equipment used in, or intended for use in, any of the offences referred to in article 36 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and article 22 of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances;

4. **Invites** all Governments to supply to the Board and to concerned Governments, on a voluntary basis, such information as can be obtained on ephedrine, ephedrol, phenyl-2-propanone, ergotamine, anthranilic acid, piperidine, ethyl ether and acetic anhydride which may be useful for the detection and prevention of diversion;

5. **Decides** to place the discussion of this question on the agenda of the next regular session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

6. **Requests** the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments, for consideration and action as appropriate.

### III

**The need to reduce the risk of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances carried by commercial carriers**

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that a high proportion of illicit narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances has been seized in connection with commercial carrier operations,

Convinced that commercial carriers have a responsibility to take an active role in improving employee integrity and the security of their operations in order to minimize the risk of illicit trafficking by their own employees or by those using the carriers' services,

Noting that physical safeguards at international ports contribute significantly to the security efforts of the commercial carriers using those facilities.

Recognizing that various measures could be taken by Governments with a view to encouraging greater security at international ports and to facilitating the detection and seizure of illicit drugs,

1. **Requests** Governments which have not yet done so, to initiate or expand training programmes for their law enforcement agencies in order to promote intensified and more effective searches, better analysis of potential risks, and greater overall security within and around their international port facilities;

2. **Urges** Governments which have not yet done so to develop ways of improving their security operations, together with officials of the commercial carriers which use their international ports, and to encourage those carriers.
to discharge their responsibility to improve employee integrity and the
security of their operations;

3. Further urges Governments which have not yet done so to improve the
capabilities of authorities at international ports with a view to controlling
access to cargo and commercial carriers;

4. Requests Governments to improve means of communication among
themselves in order to permit the most rapid possible exchange of information
concerning illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances by
commercial carriers;

5. Invites the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, the Division
of Narcotic Drugs, the Customs Co-operation Council, the International
Criminal Police Organization and Governments to consider supporting the
training of enforcement personnel in improved techniques of search and
security, advising commercial carriers as well as port authorities on ways of
improving employee integrity and the security of their operations, and
implementing programmes to oversee that those security improvements are being
carried out;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present
resolution to all Governments for appropriate action.

IV

Promotion of preventive education and community
participation against drug abuse 4/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling article 38, paragraph 3, of the Single Convention on Narcotic
Drugs, 1961, 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 Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/9 of
6 May 1981,

Noting with concern the alarming spread of drug abuse in most parts of
the world and its detrimental effects on all societies and individuals,
particularly young people,

Recognizing that the elimination of the illicit supply of and demand for
drugs is the ultimate objective of the community of nations,

Mindful that, given the present state of knowledge in the treatment of
drug addiction, a permanent cure is not always an attainable objective,

Aware of the urgent need to protect future generations from the scourge
of drug abuse,

Conscious of the impact that informed public opinion will have in
increasing the effectiveness of the fight against drug abuse,

Recognizing that information aimed solely at emphasizing the dangers of
drug abuse is often of limited effectiveness in discouraging drug misuse,
1. **Urges** the Governments of countries facing problems of drug abuse, as part of a comprehensive strategy, to give priority to programmes which aim to create in the young a deep respect for their own health, fitness and well-being and, taking into account cultural and social factors, to provide appropriate information and judicious advice for all sectors of their communities with regard to drug abuse, its effects and the ways in which members of those communities can respond;

2. **Invites** Governments to enlist, as an on-going strategy, the participation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, youth groups, teachers and parents in carrying out preventive activities;

3. **Asks** Governments to share their experience in this field, through bilateral arrangements, the Division of Narcotic Drugs, the World Health Organization, other specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their consideration and appropriate action.

V

**Improvement of the control of international trade in psychotropic substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the 1971 Convention**

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984 (E/INCB/1984/1), especially that part concerned with trade in psychotropic substances,

**Recognizing with concern** that the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances does not require import and export authorizations for international trade in substances listed in Schedules III and IV, thus facilitating the diversion of some of those substances into illicit channels,

**Concerned** that this lack of a treaty requirement makes it difficult for the competent authorities of both exporting and importing countries to prevent shipments of substances prohibited under article 13,

**Bearing in mind** that the International Narcotics Control Board needs relevant information in order to monitor effectively the international trade in substances listed in Schedules III and IV,

1. **Requests** all Governments, to the extent possible, voluntarily to extend the system of import and export authorizations provided for in article 12, paragraph 1 of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances to cover international trade in substances listed in Schedule III;

2. **Also requests** all Governments to establish, in any event, mechanisms for monitoring exports of substances listed in Schedules III and IV in order that importing countries may be alerted, in advance, of shipments that may be a cause of concern;
3. **Further requests** all Governments, to the extent possible, to voluntarily furnish information to the International Narcotics Control Board on the countries of origin of imports and the countries of destination of exports of substances listed in Schedules III and IV;

4. **Requests** all Governments which have decided to prohibit the import of substances listed in Schedules III or IV of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances to notify the Secretary-General of this decision, in accordance with article 13, paragraph 1, of that Convention;

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

VI

Supply of and demand for opiates for medical and scientific needs

The Economic and Social Council,


Having considered the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984 (E/INCB/1984/1) on the demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs,

**Noting with concern** the increasing production of opiate raw materials in excess of domestic need and for export in some non-traditional supplier countries, as brought out in the above-mentioned report,

**Noting further 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 note** of the position set out in paragraph 58 of the above-mentioned report,

**Noting with appreciation** the consultations held, and the steps taken by, the International Narcotics Control Board to facilitate implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/24 of 24 May 1984,

1. **Urges** the Governments of those countries that have not already done so to take urgent and effective steps to implement the above-mentioned resolution;

2. **Urges** the Governments of importing countries to take urgent and effective steps to support the traditional supplier countries and to give to those countries all the practical assistance they can, in order to avoid the proliferation of sources of production of opiate raw materials for export;
3. **Urges** the Governments of producing and manufacturing countries which have recently set up additional capacities for export to take urgent and effective measures to restrict their production programmes to meeting mainly their domestic requirements;

4. **Requests** the International Narcotics Control Board to further pursue the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions with the Governments of those countries which have not yet implemented them, and to devise such other measures as may be deemed appropriate with a view to promoting and monitoring the urgent implementation of those resolutions;

5. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to continue his efforts towards the expeditious implementation of Project A-1, "Reduction of excessive stocks of licit opiate raw materials", under the programme of action for the biennium 1984-1985 of the United Nations Basic Five-Year Programme of the International Drug Control Strategy;

6. **Further requests** the International Narcotics Control Board to assist, in consultation with the producing and consuming countries and the concerned United Nations bodies, in the implementation of Project A-1;

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

VII

**Special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 7/**

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 probable need for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to examine the urgent question of scheduling a number of substances under the provisions of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, following receipt of recommendations to that effect from the World Health Organization,

Decides that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall hold a special session of five days' duration in 1986 at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, and within existing United Nations resources, to consider questions of scheduling, follow-up action to General Assembly resolutions 39/141 and 39/143 of 14 December 1984, review of the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1985, and other urgent matters.

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

2. At its 963rd meeting, on 19 February 1985, the Commission discussed its programme of future work and priorities under agenda item 9. It drew up the provisional agenda and list of documents for its thirty-second session, to be held in 1987, and decided by consensus to submit the following draft decision to the Council for adoption:
At its .......... plenary meeting, on ............... 1985, the Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Implementation and development of international instruments on the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
4. Situation and trends in drug abuse and the illicit traffic
5. Action related to international drug control taken at the international level:
   (a) Review and implementation of the international drug control strategy
   (b) International drug control bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system
   (c) International Narcotics Control Board
   (d) United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control
   (e) Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council
6. Programme of future work and priorities
7. Other matters
8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-second session

Requested documentation

Item 2 Provisional agenda
   Annotated provisional agenda

Item 3 Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the international drug control treaties
   Note by the Secretary-General on the status of multilateral treaties
Note by the Secretary-General on the status of new instruments against the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

Item 4  Report of the Secretary-General on the review of drug abuse and measures to reduce illicit demand

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the illicit traffic

Note by the Secretary-General on reports from subsidiary organs concerning the illicit traffic

Report of the 1986 meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies

Item 5  Note by the Secretary-General on review and implementation of the international drug control strategy

Note by the Secretary-General on international drug control bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the International Narcotics Control Board


Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

Report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

Note by the Secretary-General on intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

Item 6  Note by the Secretary-General on the programme of future work and priorities

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3. At the same meeting, the Commission decided to request that the Council authorize a special session of the Commission in 1986. 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:

II

Provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 9/

At its ............ plenary meeting, on ............. 1985, the Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Follow-up action to General Assembly resolution 39/141 of 14 December 1984, entitled "International campaign against traffic in narcotic drugs"
4. Follow-up action to General Assembly resolution 39/143 of 14 December 1984, entitled "International campaign against traffic in drugs"
5. Implementation of the international treaties on the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
6. Review of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board
7. Other urgent business

Requested documentation

Item 2 Provisional agenda
Annotated provisional agenda

Item 3 Report of the Secretary-General on comments and proposals received from Governments concerning a draft convention on illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
Note by the Secretary-General concerning follow-up action to General Assembly resolution 39/141
4. At its 958th meeting on 15 February 1985, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs discussed the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984. The attention of the Council is drawn to the Commission's comments, contained in chapter III.C of the present report. In that connection, the Commission recommended to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

III

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

At its ...... plenary meeting, on .............. 1985, the Council took note of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984.

5. At its 966th meeting, on 20 February 1985, the Commission adopted by consensus the report on its thirty-first session, and requested the secretariat to submit the following draft decision to the Council for adoption:
IV

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its plenary meeting, on 1985, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-first session.