

CHAPTER I

MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

A. Draft resolutions

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

I

Preparation of an international convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances 1/

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 39/141 of 14 December 1984 in which the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is requested to initiate, as a matter of priority, the preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs,

Taking note also of General Assembly resolutions 33/168 of 20 December 1978, 35/195 of 15 December 1980, 36/132 of 14 December 1981, 36/168 of 16 December 1981, 37/168 of 17 December 1982, 37/198 of 18 December 1982, 38/93 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983, 39/143 of 14 December 1984, and 40/120, 40/121 and 40/122 of 13 December 1985,

Recalling the Declaration on the Control of Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse contained in General Assembly resolution 39/142 of 14 December 1984, which states, inter alia, that the eradication of trafficking in narcotic drugs is the collective responsibility of all States and that States should use the legal instruments against the illegal production of, illicit demand for, abuse of and illicit traffic in, drugs and adopt additional measures to counter the new manifestations of this crime,

Further recalling Commission resolution 1 (S-IX) of 14 February 1986 by which the Secretary-General was requested to compile comments and/or textual changes received from Governments and to circulate them for consideration at the thirty-second session of the Commission, so that the Commission might give direction on the further development of the draft convention,

Considering General Assembly resolution 41/126 of 4 December 1986 which requests the Commission, through the Economic and Social Council, to continue, at its thirty-second session, its work on the preparation of the draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the most expeditious manner, so that it may be effective and widely acceptable and enter into force at the earliest possible time,

Bearing in mind the Quito Declaration against Traffic in Narcotic Drugs of 11 August 1984, the New York Declaration against Drug Trafficking and the Illicit Use of Drugs of 1 October 1984, and the Lima Declaration of 29 July 1985, in which profound alarm is expressed at the seriousness of the problem,

1. Expresses its thanks to the Secretary-General for the efficient way in which he dealt with the request made in paragraph 4 of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 1 (S-IX) entitled "Guidance on the drafting of an international convention to combat drug trafficking";
2. Also thanks the States which responded to the appeal made in paragraph 5 of Commission resolution 1 (S-IX), in which they were invited to submit their comments on the draft convention or proposals for textual changes thereto;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a working document that would consolidate the draft prepared by the Secretary-General, the comments made by Governments (embodied in document E/CN.7/1987/2 and its addenda) as well as those made by the States participating in the thirty-second session of the Commission, and its results, including the results of the working group, and to circulate it to States by 1 May 1987. The document should also include a draft preambular part, a section on the implementation mechanism, as well as draft final provisions;
4. Decides to establish an open-ended intergovernmental expert group to meet if necessary twice in 1987 (perhaps in July and October), each session lasting one to two weeks, according to available resources, to review the working document, to reach agreement on the articles of the convention, wherever possible, and to prepare a revised working document;
5. Invites all interested States to submit any comments on and/or textual changes to the working document to be circulated for consideration at the expert group meetings;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, to be held at Vienna in June 1987, on the progress made in the preparation of the draft convention;
7. Requests the Secretary-General to distribute, by 1 November 1987, the expert group's revised draft to States for review;
8. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the next session of the Commission on the results of the intergovernmental expert group and to provide any comments from Governments on the expert group's revised draft;
9. Requests the Commission, at its next session, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved by the intergovernmental expert group and any comments from Governments on the expert group's work and to make recommendations on the next steps to follow in the further elaboration of the convention, including the possibility of convening a plenipotentiary conference in 1988 to adopt the convention;
10. Requests the Secretary-General to allocate sufficient funds, within the current 1987 regular budget, for the intergovernmental group to meet. If necessary, the Secretary-General should seek to provide the funding through the use of voluntary contributions or in the 1988-1989 biennium;
11. Further requests the Secretary-General to make provisions for the convening of a plenipotentiary conference in the 1988-1989 biennium.

II

Education and information on drug abuse and illicit traffic
in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances 2/

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with great concern the continued massive abuse of narcotic drugs in most parts of the world, and its harmful effect, particularly on youth,

Aware of the urgent need to protect society from the harm caused by abuse of narcotic drugs,

Emphasizing the need to take effective measures to reduce the demand for illicit narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recognizing that in some cases information about narcotic drugs and drug abuse gives a result that is the opposite of the one desired, evoking undesirable curiosity and leading to experimenting with drugs by young people,

1. Calls upon States to make every effort to ensure that preventive educational work in respect of narcotic drugs and drug abuse is carried out by persons with appropriate training and skills, taking into account the particular needs of groups of people of similar age, skills and psychological characteristics who are at particular risk of abuse of drugs;

2. Urges Governments to encourage efforts to see that preventive information does not involve elements that evoke curiosity or the desire to experiment with narcotic drugs (detailed "positive" descriptions of euphoria etc.), but clearly indicates the negative, harmful consequences of drug abuse and emphasizes the positive effects of alternative activities and a life-style free from narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

3. Recommends that Governments pay close attention that preventive information does not contain details which might make access to illicit drugs easy, such as detailed descriptions of methods and routes of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, places of origin of illicit production, non-medical uses of narcotic drugs etc.;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their consideration and corresponding action;

5. Requests Governments to inform the Secretary-General of their experience, with the aim of compiling draft special methodological guidelines for a preventive information programme among people on the evils of drug abuse, of considering the draft in future, and of having it adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

III

Role of the drug control bodies of the United Nations
at Vienna 3/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/122 in which the Assembly decided to convene an International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in 1987,

Aware of the intensive preparations being made for that Conference within the United Nations system, and by Governments and non-governmental organizations,

Bearing in mind that the results of the Conference will require the best use of existing resources through the redeployment of available United Nations resources from lower priority activities or the use of voluntary contributions, and increased efforts by the United Nations, Governments, international organizations and concerned parties to implement the recommendations of the Conference,

Taking fully into account the recommendations of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts aimed at improving the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 41/213,

Reaffirming its conviction of the importance of the activities of the United Nations in the field of drug abuse control,

1. Notes with appreciation the valuable work of the United Nations drug control bodies located at Vienna;

2. Stresses the importance of close co-ordination between the drug control units of the United Nations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/213, to continue his efforts to further improve the efficiency of the United Nations drug control bodies in order to strengthen their effectiveness in dealing with the drug problem;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to provide adequate financial information about current and future drug control activities so that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs can make recommendations on priorities on the basis of all relevant information;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General, in order to strengthen the activities and existing mechanisms of the United Nations in the area of international control of drug abuse and illicit trafficking, and with a view to the implementation of the follow-up activities of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, to give this sector priority, as a matter of urgency, in the allocation of available United Nations resources;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to present to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its next session, an analysis of practical ways and means of implementing the results of the Conference, through the United Nations system, bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 41/213.

IV

Improvement of the control of international trade in
psychotropic substances listed in Schedules III and
IV of the 1971 Convention 4/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1985/15 of 28 May 1985 and 1986/8 of 21 May 1986,

Having considered the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1986 (E/INCB/1986/1), 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 obligation 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. Reiterates its request to 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 Schedules III and IV;
2. Also requests all Governments to establish, in any event, mechanisms for monitoring exports of substances listed in Schedules III and IV and to take the necessary steps to alert importing countries, 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 and 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.

V

Supply and demand of opiates for medical and scientific needs 5/

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, 1983/3 of 24 May 1983, 1984/21 of 24 May 1984, 1985/16 of 28 May 1985 and 1986/9 of 21 May 1986,

Bearing in mind the supplement to the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1980, entitled "Demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs" (E/INCB/52/Supp.) and of the recommendations contained therein, as well as the special report published by the Board in 1985 bearing the same title,

Having considered the Report of the Board for 1986, in particular its paragraphs 38-42 devoted to the demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific purposes, as well as the Board publication "Statistics on Narcotic Drugs for 1985" (E/INCB/1986/3),

Noting that the Board again reports that supply and demand are in "approximate balance",

Noting with concern that the Board has been provided with insufficient resources, and that this affects the priority given to the implementation of the request of the Economic and Social Council contained in its resolution 1986/9 of 21 May 1986,

Bearing in mind the burdens already borne by the traditional supplier countries faced with the question of excessive stocks of raw materials,

Reaffirming the fundamental need for international co-operation and solidarity in the effort, consistent with the relevant provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, to maintain a balance between legitimate supply and demand of opiates and in overcoming the problem of excessive stocks,

1. Urges all Governments that have not yet done so to seriously consider ways of implementing the above-mentioned resolutions and, as far as their constitutional and legal systems permit, to bring about an expeditious improvement over the current situation;

2. Requests the International Narcotics Control Board to accord priority to the monitoring of the implementation of its resolution 1986/9 of 21 May 1986 and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in 1988;

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

United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control 6/The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the importance of the Declaration on the Control of Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse contained in General Assembly resolution 39/142 of 14 December 1984, in which the General Assembly declares, inter alia, that "the illegal production of, demand for, abuse of and trafficking in drugs impede economic and social progress, constitute a grave threat to the security and development of many countries and peoples and should be combated by all moral, legal and institutional means, at the national, regional and international levels" and that "the eradication of trafficking in narcotic drugs is the collective responsibility of all States, especially those affected by problems relating to illicit production, trafficking or abuse",

Convinced that the world-wide character and the new dangerous dimensions of the drug-related phenomena require urgent action for the implementation of a dynamic and comprehensive international response, based on a concerted effort by all States,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2719 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 in which the Assembly welcomed the establishment of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in pursuance of the request made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1559 (XLIX) of 11 November 1970,

Recalling also the numerous relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs commending the positive action of the Fund in supporting prevention, law enforcement, treatment and rehabilitation programmes, as well as integrated rural development projects, including projects for the substitution of illegal crops, in the most severely affected areas,

Acknowledging the vital role of the Fund in enhancing the multilateral approach to the provision of international assistance in this field,

Noting with satisfaction that the Fund, in recent years, has considerably extended its activities and programmes, thus becoming an effective, flexible and operational tool of multilateral co-operation, and the depository of a high degree of professionalism and specialization, in combating illegal drug production, trafficking and abuse,

Noting also the continuing collaboration and calls for increased co-operation between the Fund and the other entities of the United Nations system responsible for drug abuse control, in particular the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board, as well as the close co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme,

Recognizing that the increased level of voluntary contributions and the growing political support from many Governments to the Fund, its expanded programme of action and the broadened scope of its technical co-operation activities, make it necessary to adapt the administrative and operational procedures of the Fund commensurate with the increasing responsibilities

entrusted to it and the rising expectations of member States, thus strengthening its operational flexibility and reinforcing its capacity to respond to the urgent needs of developing countries,

Noting with concern that only a very small number of Governments are currently providing the bulk of the financial contributions to the Fund and that its resources are not yet sufficient to enable it to respond adequately to the gravity and seriousness of existing needs,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control for the initiative and leadership which have characterized the development of the Fund;

2. Endorses the recently adopted policy-approach of the Fund, based on the formulation and implementation of national and regional plans, referred to as "Master plans", in which both donor and assistance-receiving countries are actively involved;

3. Encourages the Fund to continue:

(a) To build up, on an international basis, with the assistance of the competent bodies of the United Nations system and other international bodies, and the continuous collaboration of interested Governments, in terms of political and financial support, the capacity to respond to national, regional, interregional and global needs in the drug abuse control field;

(b) To extend systematic and sustained assistance to countries and regions, with particular attention to developing ones, at their request, so as to enable them to combat more effectively their drug abuse problems through the formulation and execution of technical co-operation activities, the direct monitoring of the implementation of projects and programmes, the close supervision of their execution, the evaluation of the results achieved, the designation, as appropriate, of the executing agencies, including Government institutions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, fund-raising and the proper management of the resources of the Fund;

(c) To play its important role in the United Nations system as an effective operational instrument to further the implementation of policy recommendations to deal with drug abuse and to act as an innovative and catalytic agent on the overall system of the United Nations;

4. Decides that the Executive Director of the Fund shall report regularly on its activities and programmes to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and to the Economic and Social Council when the latter considers the report of the Commission;

5. Recommends that the General Assembly give appropriate consideration to the Fund under the relevant agenda items;

6. Recommends that the Executive Director of the Fund, in view of the very delicate nature of his responsibilities, should be able to report direct to the Secretary-General, when appropriate and necessary;

7. Requests the Executive Director of the Fund to take the necessary steps to strengthen its technical capability and enhance its effectiveness and incisiveness in the delivery of drug abuse control programmes;

8. Reiterates the invitation to the relevant specialized agencies and other concerned organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to initiate and continue programmes aimed at the reduction of illicit production and demand for drugs, in close co-operation with and incorporating the experience of the Fund;

9. Expresses its appreciation to Governments for both their regular and earmarked contributions to the Fund;

10. Appeals to Governments to continue and to substantially increase their contributions to the Fund;

11. Calls upon those Governments that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Fund;

12. Requests the Executive Director of the Fund, in preparing the next report on the activities of the Fund for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to highlight the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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 associated with drug abuse require the continuous attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Aware of the need for the Commission (i) to expedite the preparation of the new convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, (ii) to consider the question of scheduling of a number of substances under the provisions of the international drug control treaties, following receipt of recommendations to that effect from the World Health Organization, (iii) to consider appropriate action to give effect to recommendations of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking,

Decides that the Commission shall hold a special session of ten working days in 1988 at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, and within existing United Nations resources, (i) to expedite the preparation of a new convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, (ii) to consider appropriate measures to give effect to relevant recommendations of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, (iii) to consider the question of scheduling of a number of substances, and (iv) to consider the report of the International Narcotics Control Board, an interim report from the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, and other relevant matters requiring urgent attention.

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

2. The attention of the Council is drawn to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 3 (XXXII) on regional HONLEA, in particular to paragraphs 2-4 thereof (see chap. VIII, sect. A). At its 990th meeting, on 10 February 1987, the Commission discussed its programme of future work and priorities under agenda item 7. It drew up the provisional agenda and list of documents for its thirty-third session, to be held in 1989, and decided by consensus to submit the following draft decision to the Council for adoption:

I

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session
of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 8/

At its ... plenary meeting, on ... 1987, the Economic and Social Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Further action required in connection with the draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
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
6. Implementation of the recommendations of the 1987 International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
7. Action related to international drug control taken at the international level:
 - (a) International drug control activities in the United Nations system
 - (b) International Narcotics Control Board
 - (c) United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control
 - (d) Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council
8. Programme of future work and priorities
9. Other matters
10. Report of the Commission on its thirty-third session

Requested documentation

- Item 2 Provisional agenda
- Annotated provisional agenda
- Item 3 Note by the Secretary-General on the status of the draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
- Item 4 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
- Item 5 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
- Item 6 Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the 1987 International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- Item 7 Note by the Secretary-General on international drug control activities in the United Nations system
- Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1988
- Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1988
- 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 8 Note by the Secretary-General on the programme of future work and priorities

3. At the same meeting, the Commission decided to request that the Council authorize a special session of the Commission in 1988. The Commission established the provisional 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 tenth special session
of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 9/

At its ... plenary meeting, on ... 1987, the Economic and Social Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Preparation of the new convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
4. Action to give effect to the relevant recommendations of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
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 for 1987
7. Other urgent business

Requested documentation

Item 2 Provisional agenda

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 3 Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of the new convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

Item 4 Report of the Secretary-General on recommendations of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Item 5 Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the international treaties on the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

Item 6 Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1987

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

Item 7 Note by the Secretary-General concerning recommendations of subsidiary organs of the Commission

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

Interim report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

4. At its 986th meeting, on 6 February 1987, the Commission discussed the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1986. The attention of the Council is drawn to the Commission's comments, contained in chapter V.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 ... 1987, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1986.

5. At its 992nd meeting, on 11 February 1987, the Commission adopted by consensus the report on its thirty-second 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 ... 1987, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-second session.