

CHAPTER I

MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

A. Draft resolutions

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

1

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances 1/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the numerous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as well as the many political declarations such as those made in Quito, Lima and New York and in particular, the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, 2/ all of which called for the urgent preparation of a convention against illicit trafficking,

Noting that these resolutions and declarations led to the adoption in Vienna on 19 December 1988 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances by a Conference of Plenipotentiaries convened by the United Nations in Vienna from 25 November to 20 December 1988, 3/

Reaffirming the importance of the Convention for improving international co-operation in that field, which, furthermore, will add to the existing instruments for the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 43/214 of 21 December 1988 and the regulations and rules on programme planning and budgeting, as well as resolution 3 adopted by the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,

Noting the priority assigned by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to matters relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in its report of 22 September 1988,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the excellent preparation of the working document on the draft convention (E/CONF.82/3) which was circulated to States for consideration at the Conference of Plenipotentiaries;
2. Also expresses its thanks to States that participated in the development and adoption of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;
3. Urges States to proceed with the rapid signature and ratification of the Convention, so that it enters into force as early as possible;
4. Further urges States to take the requisite legal and administrative measures and to devote the necessary resources at the national level to achieve the effective implementation of the Convention;
5. Invites States, to the extent that they are able to do so, to apply provisionally the measures provided in the Convention pending its entry into force for each of them;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to modify that section of the annual reports questionnaire regarding the implementation of international treaties so that the Commission, at its regular and special sessions, may review the steps that States have taken to ratify, accept, approve or formally confirm the Convention;
7. Further requests the Secretary-General to provide assistance to enable States, which so request, to establish the legislative and administrative measures necessary for the application of the Convention;
8. Urges all Member States to take appropriate steps in the General Assembly and its financial organs to assign the appropriate priority and approve the budgetary appropriations necessary to enable the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the Secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board to carry out their additional responsibilities under the new Convention;
9. Invites the Secretary-General to identify the financial, technical and human resources required by those bodies to carry out their additional responsibilities in relation to the new Convention and, within existing resources, to make every effort to assign the necessary resources to the drug control units for the 1990-1991 biennium.

II

Intensification and Co-ordination of Measures for Demand Reduction

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987, welcomed the successful conclusion of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and, in particular, the adoption of the Declaration 2/ and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 5/

Noting that the General Assembly in the same resolution requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control, to identify suitable measures for follow-up to the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking;

Seriously concerned at the increasing availability of illicit drugs and the world-wide upward trend in drug abuse causing widespread human suffering, loss of life and social disruption,

Recognizing that measures of prevention, public awareness, early intervention, treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration are essential factors in curbing drug abuse,

Aware that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1988/9 of 25 May 1988 has urged Governments to improve measures for demand reduction,

Noting that Article 14 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, adopted on 19 December 1988 in Vienna, 3/ requires parties to adopt measures aimed at eliminating or reducing illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Acknowledging that the specialized agencies concerned with demand reduction initiatives have responded positively to General Assembly resolution 38/93 of 16 December 1983 and the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2/ in intensifying their drug-related activities,

Recognizing the important role that international non-governmental organizations play in all aspects of demand reduction, as reflected in General Assembly documents A/C.3/41/7 of 29 October 1986 and A/C.3/42/2 of 21 September 1987,

Mindful of the fundamental need for action at the national, regional and international level to achieve a balanced programme of reduction of supply of and demand for illicit drugs,

Aware that the achievement of these goals requires continuous attention, in-depth analysis, monitoring, co-ordination, follow-up and extensive collaboration,

Noting with satisfaction that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs has included in the proposed agenda for its thirty-fourth regular session an agenda item concerning the prevention and reduction of the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, 6/

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in order to assess the level of national and international progress in implementing the seven targets set out in chapter I of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control 5/ adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking:

(a) To issue a succinct questionnaire by 31 December 1989 to all Governments and regional intergovernmental organizations requesting details of action taken at the national and regional levels in implementing these targets, together with details of any practical difficulties they have experienced in fulfilling these targets;

(b) To prepare a report in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization to be issued by 30 November 1990 analysing the information submitted and assessing in particular how best to provide help to States in furthering demand reduction strategies and determining the extent to which each of the seven targets continues to be relevant in this area, for consideration by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-fourth session;

2. Urges all Governments and regional intergovernmental organizations to co-operate fully in the preparation of this report by providing the information required by the questionnaire in good time;

3. Urges all Governments to continue to give higher priority to demand reduction in their national strategies to combat drug abuse through the necessary policy and legislative adjustments including the allocation of appropriate resources and services for prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration;

4. Calls upon the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization and other relevant intergovernmental organizations to intensify relevant activities and accord them higher priority and to collaborate closely with international non-governmental organizations;

5. Calls upon international non-governmental organizations to extend and co-ordinate their activities in developing and executing demand reduction programmes by utilizing their grass-root level contacts with the community, in close co-operation with the United Nations Division of Narcotic Drugs and other relevant United Nations organizations and agencies, with the aim of effectively complementing and supplementing their work;

6. Encourages the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in the further development of its master plans with due attention to demand reduction activities and the provision of greater resources for related intervention programmes;

7. Urges all Member States to take appropriate steps in the General Assembly and its financial organs to assign the appropriate priority and, within the budget outline already approved by the General Assembly in resolution 43/214 of 21 December 1988, to approve the budgetary appropriations necessary to enable the Division of Narcotic Drugs to carry out the tasks referred to in paragraph 1 above;

8. Invites the Secretary-General to identify the financial, technical and human resources required by the Division of Narcotic Drugs to carry out these tasks and to make recommendations, taking into account resolution 43/214 and the regulations and rules on programme planning and budgeting;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments, specialized agencies and relevant international non-governmental organizations for consideration and implementation as appropriate.

Supply of and Demand for Opiates for
Medical and Scientific Purposes

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, 1986/9 of 21 May 1986, 1987/31 of 26 May 1987 and 1988/10 of 25 May 1988,

Re-emphasizing the central role of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, in the control of the production of and trade in opiates,

Re-affirming the need to maintain a balance between supply and demand of opiate raw materials for medical and scientific purposes which is an important element in the international control strategy and policy on drug abuse control,

Concerned that the traditional supplier countries continue to face financial and other burdens as a result of their large stocks of opiate raw materials,

Re-emphasizing the fundamental need for international co-operation and solidarity to overcome the problem of excess stocks,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1988, in particular paragraphs 34 to 40 which cover the supply of, and demand for, opiates for medical and scientific needs,

1. Urges all Governments to give serious consideration to ways to resolve the problem of excess stocks and bring about rapid improvement;

2. Commends the International Narcotics Control Board for its efforts and requests the International Narcotics Control Board to pursue the early finalization and implementation of the project referred to in paragraph 40 of its report for the year 1988, which should assess legitimate needs for opiates in various regions of the world hitherto unmet because of insufficient health care, a difficult economic situation or other conditions;

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

Contribution of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control
to the fight against Illicit Traffic in and Abuse of Drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the strategic role of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) in the multilateral effort to eliminate the drug problem,

Expressing appreciation to the Executive Director of UNFDAC and his staff for their efforts to develop programmes that meet the needs of countries as well as address the major aspects of the drug problem,

Noting the significant role in guiding the multilateral narcotics control programme of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol of 1972 Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, 8/ and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, 10/ as well as the adoption on 19 December 1988 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances 3/ by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries convened in Vienna,

Recognizing the benefits which will emanate from the entry into force of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in strengthening the international narcotics control effort, particularly those activities designed to enhance co-operation between legal, judicial and law enforcement entities,

1. Urges the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) to continue to develop programmes that will address the multifaceted nature of the drug problem;

2. Further urges UNFDAC to continue to use, as guiding tools, the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;

3. Recalls that the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances shall not derogate from earlier treaty rights and obligations;

4. Encourages the International Narcotics Control Board, the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to continue to strengthen their co-operation and take whatever measures may be necessary to achieve the aims of the international conventions in accordance with the advice and suggestions from the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and in accordance with the policy directives received from the United Nations legislative bodies;

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

6. Urges Governments to consider continuing and increasing substantially their voluntary contributions to the Fund.

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Special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

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

Recognizing that the complex health, legal, 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 consider urgently further measures which may be required to facilitate the entry into force of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances or, if the Convention has entered into force in the interval, the measures that are required to ensure implementation of its provisions, (ii) to consider any urgent question of the possible scheduling 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 improve regional co-operation in drug law enforcement,

Decides that the Commission shall hold a special session of five working days in 1990 at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, and within existing United Nations resources, (i) to consider urgently further measures which may be required to facilitate the entry into force of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances or, if the Convention has entered into force in the interval, the measures that are required to ensure implementation of its provisions, (ii) to consider any urgent questions relating to the possible scheduling 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 improve regional co-operation in drug law enforcement and (iv) to consider the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1989, an interim report from the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, and other relevant matters requiring urgent attention.

Allocation of appropriate resources and priority
to the international drug control programme 11/

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 43/122 of 8 December 1988, endorsed resolution 4(S-X) of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, considering that its implementation was essential for the adequate functioning of the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1987/29 of 26 May 1987 requested the Secretary-General to give the sector of international drug control priority, as a matter of urgency, in the allocation of available United Nations resources,

Noting that the General Assembly in its resolution 42/113 of 7 December 1987 requested the Secretary-General to take steps to provide, within existing resources, appropriate support for strengthening the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board, inter alia, through redeployment to those drug control units,

Considering that both the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances 3/ which was adopted on 19 December 1988 have mandated new activities to be undertaken by the Division of Narcotic Drugs as secretariat of the Commission and on behalf of the Secretary-General, as well as by the International Narcotics Control Board and its secretariat,

Recalling the conclusion of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 12/ in which the Committee recommended that the Secretary-General, in implementing General Assembly resolution 41/213 of requesting him to reduce the number of posts in the Secretariat by 15 per cent, keep in mind the concerns expressed by Member States regarding the proposed reductions in posts in smaller offices, including those concerned with narcotics affairs,

Deeply concerned that the proposed cuts envisaged for the international drug control programme would adversely affect programmes which the Commission considers to be of priority,

Having considered the draft proposed programme budget for 1990-1991 for the Division of Narcotic Drugs, as outlined in Conference Room Paper 10, distributed to the Commission,

1. Endorses the recommendations on priorities made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-third regular session on the various programme elements contained in the programme of work of the Division of Narcotic Drugs for the biennium 1990-1991;

2. Brings to the attention of Member States that in the light of resource reductions and in spite of the identification of priorities, without additional resources the implementation of many important programme elements will be seriously impaired or prevented;

3. Urges States to implement resolution 3 adopted by the United Nations Conference to adopt a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances by taking appropriate steps in the General Assembly as well as in the financial organs of the Assembly to assign the appropriate priority and approve the necessary budgetary appropriations with a view to providing the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board with the necessary resources to discharge fully the tasks entrusted to them;

4. Invites the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures in conformity with General Assembly resolution 42/113.

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

At its 1,029th meeting, on 15 February 1989, 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-fourth session, to be held in 1991, and decided by consensus to submit the following draft decision to the Council for adoption:

1

Provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session
of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 13/

At its plenary meeting, on 1989, the Economic and Social Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

1. Election of Officers;
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;

Documentation

Provisional agenda
Annotated provisional agenda

3. Implementation of the international drug control treaties;

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General

4. Situation and trends in drug abuse and the illicit traffic;

Documentation

Report(s) of the Secretary-General

5. Further action required in connection with the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

6. Prevention and reduction of the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General

7. Action related to international drug control taken at the international level:

- (a) International drug control activities in the United Nations System;

Documentation

Various reports

- (b) International Narcotics Control Board;

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1990

- (c) United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (d) Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

Documentation

Various reports

8. Implementation of the recommendations of the 1987 International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

9. Programme of future work and priorities;

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General

10. Other matters;

11. Report of the Commission on its thirty-fourth session.

At its 1,032nd meeting, on 17 February 1989, the Commission decided to request that the Council authorize a special session of the Commission in 1990. 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
eleventh special session
of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 14/

At its plenary meeting, on 1989, the Economic and Social Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

1. Election of Officers;
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;

Documentation

Provisional agenda
Annotated provisional agenda

3. Urgent matters concerning implementation of the international drug control treaties;

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General

4. Review of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1989;

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1989

5. Entry into force and provisional application of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

6. Medium-term plan for the period 1991-1997 concerning the drug control programme;

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General

7. Development and promotion of more effective action against illicit drug trafficking through regional co-operation in drug law enforcement;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

8. Interim report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

9. Other urgent matters;

10. Report of the Commission on its eleventh special session.

At its 1,027th meeting, on 14 February 1989, the Commission took note of applications from a number of Governments of the region for membership in the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East. At its 1,033rd meeting, on 17 February 1989, the Commission recommended to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

III

Membership of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic
and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East 15/

2. At its plenary meeting, on 1989, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the report of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East at its twenty-fourth session and the relevant part of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-third session, decided to approve the application for membership in the Sub-Commission of Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and the Yemen Arab Republic.

3. At its 1,025th and 1,026th meetings, on .. February 1989, the Commission discussed the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1988. The comments of the Commission are contained in chapter VII.B. of the present report. The Commission recommended to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

IV

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

At its plenary meeting, on 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1988.

At its 1,033rd meeting, on 17 February 1989, the Commission adopted by consensus the report on its thirty-third session, and requested the secretariat to submit the following draft decision to the Council for adoption:

V

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its plenary meeting, on 1989, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-third session.

CHAPTER II

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

7. At its 1,021st and 1,022nd meetings on 9 and 10 February 1989, the Commission considered agenda item 3. It had before it the text of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (E/CONF.82/15), the Final Act of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (E/CONF.82/14) and a note by the Secretary-General regarding action required to promote the entry into force and ensure the implementation of the Convention (E/CN.7/1989/13).