

CHAPTER I

MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

A. Draft resolutions

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Development of information systems on drugs and their abuse*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the obligations of Member States under the international drug conventions to provide information on narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors,

Aware of the practical difficulties of producing reliable and valid information,

Recognizing the need to rationalize international information systems concerned with drug issues and the importance of cooperation between international organizations to achieve that aim,

Welcoming the useful work done by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in developing the International Drug Abuse Assessment System in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/13 of 25 May 1988 and 1991/45 of 21 June 1991,

Emphasizing the need for cost-effectiveness in the compilation and analysis of information on demand and supply reduction and for alleviating the burden on Member States in supplying information to the Secretariat,

Recognizing the need for information on prevalence and trends in drug abuse and the diversion of precursors as a prerequisite for an effective drug policy at the national level,

Recognizing also that there are considerable costs associated with the compilation of information by both Member States and international organizations,

Noting that previous Council resolutions have led to a multiplicity of reporting requirements that are in need of rationalization,

Recalling the need to harmonize and improve information compilation and analysis within the United Nations system in

* See paragraph 53 below.

order to increase its user-friendliness, as recommended by the Council in its resolution 1993/56 of 29 July 1993,

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and with the assistance of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme:

(a) To review, within existing resources, information systems within the ambit of the information strategy requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1988/9 of 25 May 1988, in order to make such drug-related information systems more clearly focused and prioritized to meet the needs of policies aimed at combating the illicit demand for and supply of drugs;

(b) To review and integrate all annual report questionnaires, using modern communication and presentation techniques to make such changes in format as may be appropriate to achieve optimum acceptability and to facilitate their use;

2. Recommends in particular that the principles of simplicity and efficiency should be paramount in the compilation and dissemination of information;

3. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the International Narcotics Control Board to continue to develop their information systems in such a way as to enable them to complement each other most effectively;

4. Encourages the Programme and the Board, together with other international organizations, to further develop their collaboration in the joint use of relevant information;

5. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to report on the implementation of the present resolution, on the basis of consultations with the Board and other relevant organizations, to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-eighth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Encouraging States to detect the use of trade channels for illicit consignments at all stages of movement and promoting the use of advice and technical expertise provided by the Customs Co-operation Council and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme*

The Economic and Social Council,

Deeply concerned about the increase in the use of legitimate trade channels for the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recalling articles 7, 11 and 15 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, 1/ which provide for cooperation between appropriate authorities, including customs and commercial carriers, as well as for cooperation between law enforcement and judicial authorities,

Convinced of the need to use all resources available to identify illicit consignments of drugs at export or during transit and in all means of transport,

Recognizing the importance of the use of controlled delivery techniques and the need for international cooperation to that end,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/41 of 27 July 1993 on promoting the use of memoranda of understanding to facilitate cooperation between customs authorities and other competent administrations and the international trading community, including commercial carriers,

Recognizing the progress that has been made so far by States in detecting illicit consignments at export or in transit,

1. Encourages States to take all appropriate steps to ensure effective international customs cooperation within the framework of the existing conventions;

2. Calls upon States to encourage their customs administrations or other competent national authorities to apply effective measures aimed at identifying movements of illicit drugs, particularly before export and while in transit;

3. Requests the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in cooperation with the Customs Co-operation Council, to provide advice and technical expertise to States in developing such measures.

1/ E/CONF.82/15 and Corr.2.

* See paragraphs 85 and 86 below.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Demand for and supply of opiates for medical
and scientific needs*

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, 1988/10 of 25 May 1988, 1989/15 of 22 May 1989, 1990/31 of 24 May 1990, 1991/43 of 21 June 1991, 1992/30 of 30 July 1992 and 1993/37 of 27 July 1993,

Emphasizing that the need to balance the global licit supply of opiates against the legitimate demand for opiates for medical and scientific purposes is central to the international strategy and policy of drug abuse control,

Noting the fundamental need for international cooperation and solidarity with the traditional supplier countries in drug abuse control in general and in the universal application of the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 1/ in particular,

Having considered the Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1993, 2/ in particular paragraphs 60 to 66 on the demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs,

Having also considered the valuable recommendations made by the International Narcotics Control Board in its special report for 1989 3/ on the demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs,

Noting with appreciation the reduction in production in 1993,

1. Urges all Governments to contribute to the establishment and maintenance of a balance between the licit supply of and demand for opiates for medical and scientific needs and to the solution of the problems involved, in particular the problem of excess stocks of opiate raw materials held by the traditional supplier States;

2. Commends the International Narcotics Control Board for its efforts in monitoring the implementation of the relevant Economic and Social Council resolutions and, in particular:

(a) In urging the Governments concerned to restrict global production of opiate raw materials to a level corresponding to the actual licit needs and to avoid any proliferation of production;

* See paragraph 128 below.

(b) In convening meetings, during sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, with the main States importing and producing opiate raw materials;

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

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 520, No.7515.

2/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.XI.2.

3/ Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1989: Demand for and Supply of Opiates for Medical and Scientific Needs (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.XI.5)

B. Draft decisions

2. At its 1006th and 1007th meetings, on 20 and 21 April 1994, the Commission discussed its programme of future work and priorities under agenda item 12. It drew up the provisional agenda and list of documents for its thirty-eighth session, to be held in 1995, and recommended to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION I

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its plenary meeting, on 1994, the Economic and Social Council approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

AGENDA

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda

3. General debate and policy directives, with particular regard to the economic and social consequences of drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Programme

Note by the Secretariat on the economic and social consequences of drug abuse and illicit trafficking

4. Reduction of illicit demand for drugs.

(a) Basic principles of demand reduction;

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat

(b) Prevention strategies including community participation;

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with respect to drug abuse

(c) Integrated drug strategies: Interrelationship between law enforcement and demand reduction.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on alternatives to conviction or punishment*

5. Illicit drug traffic and supply, including reports from subsidiary bodies and evaluation of their activities.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on illicit drug trafficking

Note by the Secretariat on strategies for supply reduction

Reports from subsidiary bodies

Note by the Secretariat on the evaluation of the functioning of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission

6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties.
 - (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances;

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director

- (b) International Narcotics Control Board;

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1994

- (c) Other matters arising under the international drug control conventions.

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board on article 12 of the 1988 Convention

Note by the Secretariat on the adequacy of national legislation

Report of the working group on maritime cooperation

7. Monitoring of the implementation of the Global Programme of Action and the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control.

* As foreseen in article 36 of the Single Convention on Narcotic drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, article 22 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and article 3 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the System-Wide Action Plan

Report of the Secretary-General on the Global Programme of Action

8. Administrative and budgetary matters.

Documentation

Notes by the Executive Director

9. Follow-up to the results of the high-level plenary meetings at the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly to examine the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director

10. Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission and future work.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat

11. Other matters.

12. Adoption of the report of the Commission at its thirty-eighth session.

3. At its 1107th meeting on 21 April 1994, the Commission recommended to the Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION II

Establishment of an ad hoc intergovernmental advisory group and a working group on maritime cooperation in accordance with Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolutions 3(XXXVII) and 9(XXXVII) of 21 April 1994

At itsplenary meeting, on 1994, the Economic and Social Council approved the establishment of an ad hoc intergovernmental advisory group, pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 3(XXXVII) of 21 April 1994, and a working group on maritime cooperation in accordance with Commission resolution 9(XXXVII) of 21 April 1994.

4. At its 1102nd and 1103rd meetings, on 18 and 19 April 1993, the Commission discussed the report of the International Narcotics control Board for 1993. 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:

DRAFT DECISION III

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

At its plenary meeting, on 1994, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1993.

5. At its 1108th meeting, on 21 April 1993, the Commission adopted by consensus the report on its thirty-seventh session, and requested the secretariat to submit the following draft decision to the Council for adoption:

DRAFT DECISION IV

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its plenary meeting, on 1994, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-seventh session.