At its 45th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1996, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control. 141

PROCEEDINGS

Special session of the General Assembly devoted to the combat against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities

100. At the 45th meeting, on 23 July, the Council considered draft resolution I, entitled "Special session of the General Assembly devoted to the combat against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities", recommended by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/1996/27, chap. I, sect. A). It heard the following statement by the representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts:

"Should the Economic and Social Council adopt draft resolution I as recommended by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, there would be no programme budget implications for the biennium 1996-1997. The programme budget implications entailed by the convening of a special session of the General Assembly in 1998 would be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 once the General Assembly takes a decision at its fifty-first session to convene in a special session in 1998."

101. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council resolution 1996/17 (para. 99 above).

102. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Argentina, Colombia and the Philippines and the observers for Mexico and Cuba.

Action to strengthen international cooperation to control precursors and their substitutes used in the illicit manufacture of controlled substances, in particular amphetamine-type stimulants, and to prevent their diversion

103. At the 45th meeting, on 23 July, the representative of the United States of America made a statement regarding draft resolution III, entitled "Action to strengthen international cooperation to control precursors and their substitutes used in the illicit manufacture of controlled substances, in particular amphetamine-type stimulants, and to prevent their diversion" recommended by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/1996/27, chap. I, sect. A).

104. At the 48th meeting, on 24 July, the attention of the Council was drawn to annex III of the report, which contained a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

105. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The representative of the United Nations Office at Vienna responded to points raised.

106. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council resolution 1996/29 (para. 99 above).

107. Before the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

Measures to combat diversion of psychotropic substances and to establish effective control over operations carried out by intermediaries in international trade of psychotropic substances

108. At the 45th meeting, on 23 July, the representative of the United States of America made a statement regarding draft resolution IV, entitled "Measures to combat diversion of psychotropic substances and to establish effective control over operations carried out by intermediaries in international trade of psychotropic substances", recommended by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/1996/27,

109. At the 48th meeting, on 24 July, the attention of the Council was drawn to annex III of the report, which contained a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

110. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft resolution. See Council resolution 1996/30 (para. 99 above).

111. Before the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica and the United States of America.

Strengthening of the role of the International Narcotics Control Board and development of a unified information system for the collection and analysis of data concerning the nature, patterns and trends of the global problem of drug abuse


113. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Colombia made a statement.