

discrimination and in mobilizing public support for the objectives of the Second Decade, and, in this context, commends the efforts of the Co-ordinator for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to present, in his future annual reports to the Council on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, more detailed information on the relevant activities of all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

*12th plenary meeting  
24 May 1988*

#### **1988/7. Public administration and finance for development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 36/194 of 17 December 1981 on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, particularly paragraph 3 thereof, 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries, and 35/80 of 5 December 1980, 39/219 of 18 December 1984 and 40/213 of 17 December 1985 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

*Reiterating* the importance of the effective and speedy implementation of General Assembly resolution S-13/2 of 1 June 1986 on the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,

*Recalling also* all relevant Council resolutions concerning public administration and finance for development,

*Stressing* the importance of public administration systems for economic and social development in developing countries and of accelerating the development of the low-income countries, in particular the least developed countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Special Action Programme in Public Administration and Management for Africa;<sup>9</sup>

2. *Notes* the process of reviewing the public administration and managerial needs of African countries and the progress made so far in identifying the project proposals, the utilization of the trust fund established by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the interest expressed in the Special Action Programme by donor countries, and the support provided by the United Nations Development Programme in collaboration with other organizations of the United Nations system;

<sup>9</sup> E/1988/21.

3. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme to intensify its efforts to mobilize additional financial resources for the implementation of the Special Action Programme, and urges donor countries and institutions, as well as regional development banks, to the extent possible, to make available additional resources for the Programme;

4. *Urges* all organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the international community to provide full and effective support in order to accelerate the implementation of projects identified under the Special Action Programme, to initiate, at the request of interested countries, projects at the subregional and regional levels, and to take early action to identify further projects at the country level;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its first regular session of 1989 a progress report on activities undertaken under the Special Action Programme;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include updated information on the Special Action Programme in Public Administration and Management for Africa in his report to the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Review and Appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.

*13th plenary meeting  
25 May 1988*

#### **1988/8. Preparation of an international convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 39/141 of 14 December 1984, in which the Commission on Narcotic Drugs was requested to initiate, as a matter of priority, the preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 33/168 of 20 December 1978, 35/195 of 15 December 1980, 36/132 of 14 December 1981, 37/198 of 18 December 1982, 38/93 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983, 39/143 of 14 December 1984, 40/120, 40/121 and 40/122 of 13 December 1985, 41/125, 41/126 and 41/127 of 4 December 1986 and other relevant resolutions,

*Recalling further* that the Commission, pursuant to resolution 1 (S-IX) of 14 February 1986,<sup>10</sup> considered an initial draft convention, which included fourteen articles, and the comments of Governments thereon,<sup>11</sup> at its thirty-second session, held from 2 to 11 February 1987,

*Considering* that, as provided for in Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/27 of 26 May 1987, the open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group

<sup>10</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 3 (E/1986/23)*, chap. X, sect. A.

<sup>11</sup> E/CN.7/1987/2 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1-3 and Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1.

met twice in 1987 to review the working document which consolidated the draft convention and, wherever possible, to reach agreement on the articles of the convention, and prepared revised working documents,

*Considering also* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 42/111 of 7 December 1987, requested the Secretary-General to consider convening a further meeting of the Intergovernmental Expert Group for a period of two weeks immediately prior to the tenth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in order to continue revision of the working paper on the draft convention, and also requested the Commission to consider and, if possible, approve the draft convention at its tenth special session and to prepare recommendations on measures to be taken to conclude the preparation of the convention, including the possibility of convening a plenipotentiary conference in 1988 for its adoption,

*Recalling* the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, in which the Conference called for the urgent but careful preparation and finalization of the draft convention to ensure its entry into force at the earliest possible date,<sup>12</sup>

*Having received* the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its tenth special session,<sup>13</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the Quito Declaration against Traffic in Narcotic Drugs of 11 August 1984,<sup>14</sup> the New York Declaration against Drug Trafficking and the Illicit Use of Drugs of 1 October 1984<sup>15</sup> and the Lima Declaration of 29 July 1985,<sup>16</sup> in which profound alarm was expressed at the seriousness of the problem,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the excellent preparation of the working documents on the draft convention, which have been circulated to States for consideration at the meetings of the Intergovernmental Expert Group, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1987/27;

2. *Expresses its thanks* to States that have submitted their comments on the working documents on the draft convention or proposals for textual changes thereto;

3. *Expresses its thanks* to the Intergovernmental Expert Group for the work accomplished during its meetings held from 29 June to 10 July 1987, from 5 to 16 October 1987 and from 25 January to 5 February 1988;<sup>17</sup>

4. *Reminds* States of the importance and urgency of proceeding with the work on the preparation of the draft convention in the most expeditious manner, with a view to ensuring that the convention is

<sup>12</sup> Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. B., para. 3.

<sup>13</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 3 (E/1988/13).

<sup>14</sup> A/39/407, annex.

<sup>15</sup> A/39/551 and Corr.1 and 2, annex.

<sup>16</sup> A/40/544, annex.

<sup>17</sup> See E/CN.7/1988/2 (Part II) and Corr.2 and Add.1 and E/CN.7/1988/2 (Part IV) and Corr.2 and Add.1.

effective, widely acceptable and enters into force at the earliest possible time;

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its tenth special session, annex II to which contains texts of draft articles for the proposed convention;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit by 15 March 1988 for consideration the relevant parts of the report of the Commission, with any relevant annexes and such background documentation considered pertinent, to all States, the specialized agencies, the International Narcotics Control Board and the International Criminal Police Organization and other interested intergovernmental organizations;

7. *Decides* to convene, in accordance with Article 62, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations and within the provisions of General Assembly resolution 366 (IV) of 3 December 1949, a conference of plenipotentiaries for the adoption of a convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

8. *Also decides* to convene, within available resources, a review group for the conference to meet for a period of up to two weeks, preferably at Vienna, not later than mid-June 1988, the proceedings of which shall be governed, *mutatis mutandis*, by the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council;

9. *Instructs* the review group:

(a) To review the texts of draft articles 1 to 6 with a view to submitting them to the plenipotentiary conference; in addition, the group may review the remaining draft articles and related texts with a view to making those changes that may be necessary to achieve overall consistency in the text of the draft convention to be submitted to the plenipotentiary conference;

(b) To consider organizational matters relating to the conference and the draft provisional rules of procedure to be prepared by the Secretary-General;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To arrange for the conference to be held in 1988, not sooner than four months after the meeting of the review group;<sup>18</sup>

(b) To invite to participate in the conference and the meeting of the review group:

(i) All States;

(ii) Specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations interested in the matter, with the same rights as they have at sessions of the Economic and Social Council;

(iii) The International Narcotics Control Board, with the same rights as it has at sessions of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) To transmit, immediately after the meeting of the review group, the text of the draft convention and related documents to all States and other interested parties;

<sup>18</sup> In its decision 1988/120, the Council decided to hold the conference at Vienna from 25 November to 20 December 1988.

(d) To prepare provisional rules of procedure for the conference;

(e) To provide summary records of the meetings of the conference and its committees.

13th plenary meeting  
25 May 1988

## 1988/9. International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Welcoming* the successful conclusion of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, in particular the adoption of the Declaration<sup>19</sup> and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control,<sup>20</sup>

*Affirming* its commitment to the Declaration of the Conference as an expression of the political will of nations to combat the drug menace,

*Noting* that in the Declaration of the Conference, the Secretary-General was requested to make proposals, in the context of the United Nations programme and budget and within available resources, that reflect the priority attached to the field of drug abuse control,<sup>21</sup>

*Noting also* that in the Declaration of the Conference, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs was requested to examine the most suitable modalities for following up the activities referred to in the Declaration and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline, as appropriate, at the international level,<sup>21</sup>

*Urging* Governments to take early action to conclude a new convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, to which the General Assembly and the Conference have attached high priority,

*Recognizing* the important contributions of the United Nations drug control bodies and their distinct mandates and responsibilities, and welcoming the Secretary-General's efforts to increase co-ordination of activities related to drug control following the Conference,

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987, *inter alia*, 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 Conference and, in that context, to give appropriate consideration to the report of the Secretary-General on the Conference,<sup>22</sup>

1. *Urges* Governments and organizations to adhere to the principles set forth in the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and to utilize the recommendations of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control in guiding the development of national and regional strategies

and particularly bilateral, regional and international co-operative arrangements;

2. *Welcomes* the prompt action taken by the Secretary-General to identify suggestions for activities to build upon the achievements of the Conference;

3. *Urges* those Member States that have not yet done so to accede to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,<sup>23</sup> and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971;<sup>24</sup>

4. *Urges* Governments, as a priority goal in the follow-up to the Conference, to provide additional resources to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in order to enable it to strengthen its co-operation with the developing countries in their efforts to implement drug control programmes;

5. *Invites* intergovernmental and regional and international non-governmental organizations that are referred to under the particular targets of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline to provide to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at future sessions, information on activities undertaken in pursuit of those targets;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the procedure for the submission of written reports on drug matters in the United Nations and to report thereon to the Commission;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review, within available resources, current information systems in the United Nations drug control units and to develop an information strategy and submit it, with its financial implications, to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-third session, with a view to the creation, within existing United Nations structures, of an information system integrating input from national, regional and international sources in a computerized data base, so as to facilitate the linkage, retrieval and dissemination of information on all aspects of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and the chemicals used in their illicit processing and manufacturing;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to support, within available resources, the activities of relevant non-governmental organizations in the drive against drug abuse and to co-ordinate the activities of the appropriate United Nations agencies with them;

9. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure continued inter-agency co-operation in implementing and reporting on activities related to the targets established in the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline and to ensure that the *ad hoc* inter-agency meetings on co-ordination in matters of international drug abuse control consider how such activities can be included by each specialized agency in its regular programme and budget, and to continue to report on such inter-agency co-operation;

10. *Invites* the regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies to take the

<sup>19</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. B.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. A.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. B, para. 9.

<sup>22</sup> A/42/594.

<sup>23</sup> See United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.