

turers' stocks or to special stocks in the consuming countries,

*Noting with concern* that the traditional supplier countries continue to hold large accumulated stocks of opiate raw materials which constitute a heavy financial and other burden for them,

*Recognizing* the urgent need to liquidate the accumulated stocks held by the traditional supplier countries, with a view to achieving a lasting world-wide balance between demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific purposes,

1. *Urges* the Governments of those countries that have not already done so to take urgent and effective steps to implement the above-mentioned resolutions;

2. *Further urges* the Governments of concerned producing and consuming countries to consider, after mutual consultation where necessary, implementing such measures for the disposal of excess stocks recommended in the report of the above-mentioned expert group as may be found feasible and most fruitful, and also to consider other possible measures suggested by the expert group which might contribute to an improvement in the present situation;

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

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24 May 1983*

#### **1983/4. Measures to improve international co-operation in the maritime interdiction of illicit drug traffic**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the observations made by the expert group to study the functioning, adequacy and enhancement of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>9</sup> at its 1982 meeting, particularly with regard to the need for bilateral regional arrangements concerning the boarding of sea-going vessels involved in drug trafficking,

*Bearing in mind* article 4 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, applicable international conventions and the concern of the international community to suppress illegal traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

*Noting with concern* the alarming number of private vessels transporting illicit drugs on the high seas,

*Noting also with concern* the large proportion of recidivists among smugglers of illicit drugs by sea,

*Recognizing* that in many instances illicit drug traffickers also engage in fraudulent practices with respect to the flag State registration of their vessels,

*Firmly believing* that, in order to be effective in combating illicit maritime traffic, registry information must be readily accessible to and verifiable by law enforcement personnel aboard the vessel and within the claimed flag State,

*Convinced* that legitimate shipping interests will not be unreasonably hampered by adoption of effective steps by all States to provide, in accordance with relevant domestic constitutional safeguards and legislations, for prompt, positive and unmistakable identification of private vessels registered under their flag,

<sup>9</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

1. *Appeals* to Governments to inspect closely all requests for registration of private sea-going vessels to ensure that the vessels are those which the applicants are appropriately entitled to register;

2. *Urges* Governments to require their flag vessels to carry on board documents attesting to their registry;

3. *Requests* Governments to explore methods of strengthening international co-operation in combating illicit maritime drug trafficking, and to respond promptly to inquiries made for law enforcement purposes by other States regarding the registry of vessels;

4. *Recommends* that Governments should consider establishing a national centralized vessel registry system for their private flag vessels, to facilitate the international co-ordination needed to implement the present resolution;

5. *Encourages* all States to take prompt action, with due regard to their constitutional, legal and administrative systems, to curtail employment of their flag vessels in the illicit drug trade and to impose significant sanctions on persons convicted of such activity;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments and to invite them to bring it to the attention of their competent authorities for consideration.

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24 May 1983*

#### **1983/5. Enlargement of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1663 (LII) of 1 June 1972, which established the membership of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its present size,

*Noting* that since its fifty-second session the problem of drug traffic and abuse has reached crisis proportions throughout the world,

*Taking into consideration* the seriousness of the problem, the need for broad international co-operation in seeking solutions and the interest which States have in contributing to efforts to reach solutions,

*Decides* to enlarge the membership of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to forty, with effect from 1 January 1984, taking into account the special criteria used in electing members of the Commission and keeping the actual percentage.

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#### **1983/6. International Conference on Population, 1984**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1981/87 of 25 November 1981, 1982/7 of 30 April 1982 and 1982/42 of 27 July 1982,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the preparations for the International Conference on Population in 1984<sup>10</sup> and of his statement to the First (Economic) Committee at its 6th meeting, on 16 May 1983;

<sup>10</sup> E/1983/24

2. *Decides* to convene the International Conference on Population at Mexico City from 6 to 13 August 1984, composed of a plenary and one main committee;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate in the Conference;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in the capacity of observers to participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity to participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) The United Nations Council for Namibia to participate in the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 32/9 E of 4 November 1977;

(e) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;

(f) Interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers at the Conference;

(g) Interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to be represented by observers at the Conference;

(h) Other interested non-governmental organizations that may have a specific contribution to make to the work of the Conference to be represented by observers at the Conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the following arrangements, within the approved regular budgetary resources for the Conference and with available extrabudgetary resources:

(a) To convene, on 5 August 1984, pre-conference consultations on organizational matters regarding the Conference;

(b) To provide the necessary conference facilities for two daily plenary meetings and two daily committee meetings, as well as for evening plenary meetings, if necessary, and for the possible extension of the Conference for one day, if required;

5. *Decides* that the Population Commission, when acting as the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, should concentrate on the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action<sup>11</sup> and the formulation of specific recommendations to the Conference on the further implementation of that Plan of Action;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference, in the light of the need for thorough preparation for the Conference, to circulate the documentation for the Preparatory Committee for the Conference at an early date, particularly the two basic documents concerning the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action and the recommendations to the Conference on the further implementation of that Plan of Action, as well as the findings of the meetings of the four expert groups;

7. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-eighth session, should approve the regular budgetary resources required for the Conference, as agreed in paragraph 5 of Council resolution 1982/42, and invites the Secretary-General of the Conference to continue his efforts to raise extrabudgetary resources for the Conference.

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26 May 1983

#### 1983/7. Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 468 G (XV) of 15 April 1953, 645 G (XXIII) of 26 April 1957, 994 (XXXVI) of 16 December 1963, 1110 (XL) of 7 March 1966, 1488 (XLVIII) of 22 May 1970, 1744 (LIV) of 4 May 1973, 1973 (LIX) and 1974 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 2050 (LXII) of 5 May 1977, 1979/42 of 11 May 1979 and 1981/3 of 4 May 1981,

*Recognizing* the importance of the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods for the harmonization of codes and regulations relating to the transport of dangerous goods,

*Bearing in mind* the need to maintain safety standards at all times and to facilitate trade, as well as the importance of this to the various organizations responsible for modal regulations, while meeting the growing concern for the protection of life and property through the safe transport of dangerous goods,

*Noting* the increasing volume of dangerous goods being introduced into world-wide commerce and the rapid expansion of technology and innovation,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods,<sup>12</sup>

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and of the recommendations contained in its report with respect to the listing, classification, packaging and labelling of existing and new products, and to other matters that will ensure safety during transport;<sup>13</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the fact that increased importance and reliance is being placed on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by the specialized agencies and other international organizations and by Member States, which take the recommendations more and more as a guideline for their own recommendations and regulations in order to achieve internationally harmonized laws;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the contents of the report of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:

(a) To incorporate into a new text all the new and amended recommendations made by the Committee of Experts at its twelfth session, together with any consequential changes to be introduced into existing recommendations;

(b) To publish the resulting revised text of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts in all the official languages of the United Nations as quickly as possi-

<sup>11</sup> *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

<sup>12</sup> E/1983/25.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. V.