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I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 14 December 1984, the General Assembly adopted resolution 39/141, entitled "Draft Convention against Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and Related Activities", in paragraph 2 of which the Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council, taking into consideration Article 62, paragraph 3, and Article 66, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations and Council resolution 9 (I) of 16 February 1946, to request the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to initiate at its thirty-first session, to be held in February 1985, as a matter of priority, the preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs which considered the various aspects of the problem as a whole, and in particular, those not envisaged in existing international instruments, and, to that end, to transmit to it the draft Convention annexed to the resolution as a working paper.

2. In paragraph 3 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to propose to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs that it adjust the agenda of its thirty-first session, as approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1983/115 of 24 May 1983, to enable the Commission to initiate the preparation of the draft convention.

3. In paragraph 4 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to report to the Economic and Social Council, if possible at its first regular session of 1985, on the results achieved in that respect. In paragraph 5 of the resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its fortieth session on the implementation of the resolution. The present report has been prepared in compliance with that request.

II. ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

4. On 8 February 1985, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 39/141, the Economic and Social Council adopted decision 1985/104, entitled "Draft convention against the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs", by which the Council decided to request the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its thirty-first session, to initiate, as a matter of priority, the preparation of a draft convention against the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and to report to it, if possible at its first regular session of 1985, on the results achieved in that respect.

III. ACTION BY THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

5. At its thirty-first session (11-20 February 1985), the Commission on Narcotic Drugs considered the revised provisional agenda submitted by the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1985/1/Rev.1), which included an item on the preparation of the draft convention, and approved the inclusion of the item as item 7 of its agenda.

6. The Commission had before it a note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1985/19) prepared to facilitate its discussion of the agenda item. The note outlined the action requested of the Commission and drew attention to the fact that several

aspects of the problem of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and the development of possible countermeasures had been considered by the Commission in the past. A number of possible countermeasures that had been discussed at various times by the Commission were also outlined in the note.

7. On 20 February 1985, the Commission adopted resolution 1 (XXXI) entitled "Initiation of the preparation of a draft Convention on illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances", 1/ in paragraph 1 of which the Commission requested the Secretary-General to seek from States Members of the United Nations and the States parties to the conventions on narcotic drugs comments and proposals on the elements they would like to have incorporated in a draft convention in fulfilment of the mandate established in General Assembly resolution 39/141 and to transmit to Governments a certain number of documents that the Commission considered to be relevant to the question of drafting a new instrument against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs.

8. In paragraph 2 of the resolution, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to compile and consolidate, within available resources, the comments received from Governments, as well as other relevant studies, and to prepare a report that would identify elements to be considered for inclusion in a draft convention, in compliance with the mandate set out in General Assembly resolution 39/141; such a report would also identify other additional measures as may be deemed appropriate in compliance with resolution 39/141.

9. In paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Commission requested the Economic and Social Council to include in the provisional agenda for the ninth special session of the Commission an item on the proposed convention in order that it might consider, at that session, the report of the Secretary-General.

IV. ACTION BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

10. Pursuant to the request contained in paragraph 1 of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 1 (XXXI), the Secretary-General, by note NAR/CL.2/1985 of 15 March 1985, transmitted to the Governments of the Members of the United Nations and of the States parties to the international drug control conventions the text of that resolution, together with copies of the relevant documents specified by the Commission, and requested Governments to submit comments and proposals by 1 July 1985 concerning elements for possible inclusion in the draft convention.

11. In compliance with the request contained in paragraph 2 of the resolution, the Secretary-General compiled and consolidated the comments received from Governments, as well as other relevant studies, and prepared a report entitled "Comments and proposals received from Governments concerning a draft convention on illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" (E/CN.7/1986/2), which identified elements to be considered for inclusion in the draft convention and was transmitted to all Governments on 15 October 1985 under cover of a note of the Secretary-General.

V. FURTHER ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

12. In compliance with the request contained in paragraph 3 of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 1 (XXXI), the Economic and Social Council, by decision 1985/201 of 26 July 1985, approved the provisional agenda of the ninth special session of the Commission, which included an item entitled "Follow-up action to General Assembly resolution 39/141 of 14 December 1984, entitled 'International campaign against traffic in narcotic drugs'", calling for the initiation of the preparation of the draft convention. The holding of the ninth special session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its resolution 1985/79 of 26 July 1985.

13. The ninth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be held at the Vienna International Centre from 10 to 14 February 1986; the Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General referred to in paragraph 11 above.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 3 (E/1985/23), chap. IX, sect. A.
