

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124, para. 4)

Item 6. *Narcotic drugs*

Documentation:

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (resolution 45/146, para. 7)

Annual report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (resolution 45/148, para. 4)

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; questions relating to refugees and displaced persons; and humanitarian questions*³⁰²

(a) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Documentation:

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(b) *Questions relating to refugees and displaced persons*

(c) *Humanitarian questions*

Documentation:

Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to victims of natural disasters and similar emergency situations (resolution 45/100, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (resolution 45/101, para. 5)

Item 8. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation:

Report of the Committee against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 39/46 of 10 December 1984)

Report of the Human Rights Committee

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (resolution 45/152, para. 5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (see decision 45/433)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation:

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of public information activities (resolution 45/99, para. 16)

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights (resolution 45/155, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of the regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 45/167, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the views of Member States on General Assembly resolution 43/124 regarding the impact of property on the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (see decision 45/427)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (resolution 45/168, para. 8)

III. RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Pre-sessional documentation

1. Pre-sessional documentation should be circulated six weeks in advance in all working languages.

Introductory statements by Secretariat officials

2. Texts of introductory statements by Secretariat officials should be circulated to delegations in the original language and in the other official languages, if possible, at least three days in advance of the introduction of the item. Oral introductory statements should be limited to 15 minutes and should only highlight areas of special interest.

3. Secretariat officials should, at the end of the debate on a particular item, respond to matters raised and to questions asked.

Statements by delegations

4. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session the Chairman should propose to the Third Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers. While it is understood that this decision will have to be applied with a degree of flexibility, delegations are encouraged to exercise self-discipline in this respect.

5. Copies of interventions made by delegations will be distributed by the conference officers. If a delegation is in a position to provide 200 copies, they may be circulated to all delegations during delivery of the statement. If only a limited number of copies can be provided, they may be given to the conference officer for placement at the back of the conference room.

Programme of work

6. The Secretariat should propose the programme of work of the Third Committee on the basis of experience gained at previous sessions of the Committee so that sufficient time is allocated for the consideration of a given item.

Questions for further consideration

7. Further consideration should be given to:

(a) The question of inviting eminent persons to address the Third Committee on the world social situation or other issues. It was considered that the experience of other Committees with that matter should be reviewed;

(b) The question of the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council and the relationship of that exercise to the work of the Third Committee;

(c) The relationship between the work of the Second Committee and that of the Third Committee.

Omnibus draft resolutions

8. Delegations are encouraged, to the extent possible, to draw up omnibus draft resolutions and to make resolutions as short and as concise as possible.

45/179. Enhancement of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the dramatic increase in drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, which is threatening the health and well-being of millions of people in the majority of countries in the world,

Commending the determined efforts of Governments in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking and recognizing the importance of support for such efforts by the United Nations system,

Noting with appreciation the significant work carried out within the United Nations system in the field of drug abuse control and the valuable knowledge, expertise and experience represented there,

Recognizing that the new dimensions taken on by the drug menace necessitates a more comprehensive and integrated approach to international drug control and a more efficient structure to ensure co-ordination, complementarity and non-duplication of activities across the United Nations system in order to use available resources in the most efficient way to enable the United Nations to play a central and greatly enhanced role in this field,

Recalling the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, as adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26 June 1987,²³⁸ and the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session on 23 February 1990,²³⁴

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,³⁰⁹

Noting with appreciation the work carried out, pursuant to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 44/141 of 15 December 1989, by the Group of Experts to advise and assist the Secretary-General on the enhancement of the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control,³¹⁰

Recalling the need to ensure, in respect of recruitment to posts that are financed from the regular budget, the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, and paying due regard to the importance of recruiting staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Emphasizing that the problem of drug abuse and illicit trafficking has to be dealt with within the broader economic and social contexts,

Underlining the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control issues and the independent role of the International Narcotics Control Board,

Underlining also the importance of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,²³¹ and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,²³² the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971²³³ and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,⁹²

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General³⁰⁹ and the report of the Group of Experts, entitled "Drugs and the United Nations: meeting the challenge",³¹⁰

2. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Secretary-General to unify the United Nations structure for drug abuse control to enable the United Nations to strengthen its role as the main focus for concerted international action for drug abuse control;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to create a single drug control programme, to be called the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, based at Vienna, and to integrate fully therein the structures and the functions of the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat, the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control with the objective of enhancing

the effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control in keeping with the functions and mandates of the United Nations in this field;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps in order to appoint a senior official at the level of Under-Secretary-General, who will execute the integration process and head the new integrated Programme starting from 1 January 1991 with the exclusive responsibility for co-ordinating and providing effective leadership for all United Nations drug control activities, in order to ensure coherence of actions within the Programme as well as co-ordination, complementarity and non-duplication of such activities across the United Nations system;

5. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to structure the United Nations International Drug Control Programme along the following lines:

(a) Treaty implementation, which would integrate, with due consideration to treaty arrangements, the functions of the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board and the treaty implementation functions of the Division of Narcotic Drugs, taking into account the independent role of the Board;

(b) Policy implementation and research, with responsibility for implementing policy decisions of the relevant legislative bodies and conducting analytical work;

(c) Operational activities, with responsibility for co-ordinating and carrying out the technical co-operation projects currently being executed mainly by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board;

6. *Endorses* the proposal of the Secretary-General to place the financial resources of the existing United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control under the direct responsibility of the head of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as a fund for financing operational activities, mainly in developing countries;

7. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its thirty-fourth regular session, to consider ways and means of improving its functioning as a policy-making body and to submit its recommendations to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1991;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit his report and that of the Group of Experts to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-fourth regular session so that they can be taken into account when the Commission discusses ways and means of improving its functioning;

9. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, as a matter of urgency at its first regular session of 1991, giving due consideration to the recommendations of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to undertake a review of the functioning of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and decide on the appropriate changes needed to improve it;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, as revised,¹⁴³ including all mandates and recommendations established by the Global Pro-

³⁰⁹ A/45/652.

³¹⁰ See A/45/652/Add.1, annex.

gramme of Action, in the light of structural changes decided on in the present resolution;

11. *Underlines* that the United Nations International Drug Control Programme should give priority to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, as well as the mandates and recommendations in the Global Programme of Action;

12. *Requests* that the appropriation within the regular budget of the United Nations currently allocated to the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Division of Narcotic Drugs be reallocated to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in accordance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, and invites the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate financial and other resources are allocated to the Programme to enable it to discharge its functions effectively;

13. *Decides* that the operational programme and related support costs currently financed from voluntary contributions shall, upon the establishment of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, continue to be borne from voluntary contributions;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the measures taken to implement the present resolution.

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45/180. Developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/135 of 15 December 1989,

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1989/46 of 6 March 1989¹⁸³ and 1990/25 of 27 February 1990,³ as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/47 of 25 May 1990,

Considering that the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms is one of the basic aims of the United Nations according to the Charter of the United Nations and an issue of the utmost importance for the Organization,

Recognizing that the work-load of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat has increased rapidly in recent years, while resources have failed to keep pace with the increase in responsibilities,³¹¹

³¹¹ See E/1990/50.

Noting that the difficult financial situation during the biennium 1990-1991 created considerable obstacles to the implementation of the various procedures and mechanisms, negatively influenced the servicing by the Secretariat of human rights bodies concerned and impaired the quality and precision of reporting,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³¹² and noting that in spite of the recognition that the responsibilities of the Centre for Human Rights have increased rapidly in recent years, the only specific proposal made in the report as an interim solution for 1991 to the problems posed by the resource situation of the Centre, pursuant to the request made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1990/47, is the reference to voluntary donations,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to act promptly to respond to the needs of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat and to make additional specific proposals as interim solutions to these problems for the current biennium, in particular indicating the human resources required for the Centre to carry out its functions adequately, together with the related administrative and budgetary implications thereof, to the General Assembly not later than 10 December 1990, so that the budgetary process can be completed by the end of the current session;³¹³

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in conformity with his commitment,³¹⁴ to include in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 programme and resource proposals for long-term solutions to the problems posed by the situation in the Centre for Human Rights which respond to the needs of the Centre, are commensurate with its work-load and also take into account the need to respond to the requests for advisory services and technical assistance, primarily from developing countries, and the proposals contained in the report of the Task Force on Computerization,³¹⁵ and in the study carried out by an independent expert³¹⁶ concerning the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit an interim report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-seventh session and a final report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, under the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

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³¹² A/45/807.

³¹³ See A/C.5/45/66.

³¹⁴ See E/1990/50, para. 59.

³¹⁵ See E/CN.4/1990/39, annex.

³¹⁶ See A/44/668, annex.