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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Strategy and policies for drug controlNote by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 36/168 of 16 December 1981 entitled "International Drug Abuse Control Strategy", the General Assembly requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to establish a task force to review, monitor and co-ordinate the implementation of the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy and the programme of action, i/ to review the report of its task force and to report thereon, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session and annually thereafter. In its resolution 38/98 of 16 December 1983 entitled "Strategy and policies for drug control", the Assembly decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, meeting in plenary during its sessions and in the presence of all interested observers, would constitute the task force envisaged in resolution 36/168. The present note is submitted to the General Assembly in compliance with the request to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to report on the implementation of the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy and the programme of action.

2. By resolution 40/129 of 13 December 1985 entitled "Strategy and policies for drug control", the General Assembly approved the programme of action for 1986, the fifth year of the basic five-year programme of the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy.

3. With respect to implementation of General Assembly resolution 36/168 and the execution of the programme of action for 1986, the fifth year of the five-year programme of action, the Commission had available at its thirty-second session, in February 1987, information on the activities carried out under the 1986 programme of action. In this connection, the Commission had before it, inter alia, the

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report of an expert group meeting convened to identify recommended methods for testing cannabis and amphetamine/methamphetamine analysis. 2/ In addition, the current results of the special campaign on increased treaty adherence undertaken by the Division of Narcotic Drugs was also before the Commission in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation and development of international instruments on the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substance. 3/

4. The five-year programme of action was completed in 1986. The actual projects of each year's programme that the Division of Narcotic Drugs executed, either by redeployment of regular budget resources 4/ or through extrabudgetary funding, are described in the reports of the Secretary-General on international co-operation in drug abuse control within the United Nations system. 5/

5. In accordance with paragraph 1 of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 2 (XXXI) of 20 February 1985, entitled "International drug abuse control strategy and future priorities", "future programmes for international action to combat drug abuse [will] be formulated within the framework of the United Nations Medium-Term Plan, 1984-1989, and subsequent Medium-Term Plans, and of the biennial budgets established in accordance with those plans". 6/

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 4 (E/1981/24), annex II.

2/ E/CN.7/1987/8.

3/ E/CN.7/1987/11 and Add.1 and 2 and Add.2/Corr.1.

4/ Additional regular budget resources of \$250,000 were made available only with respect to the first year of the five-year programme of action.

5/ See A/37/556, sect. II, A/38/522, sect. III, A/39/193, sect. III, A/40/771, sect. IV, and A/41/713, sect. III.

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