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### INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

#### Report of the Third Committee

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1987, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"International campaign against traffic in drugs:

"(a) International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) Draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances: report of the Secretary-General;

"(c) Implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/127: report of the Secretary-General"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 31st to 35th, 42nd, 44th and 46th meetings, from 2 to 4 and 11 to 13 November 1987. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/42/SR.31-35, 42, 44 and 46).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/42/3), chapter V, section D; 1/

(b) Draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances: report of the Secretary-General (A/42/499);

(c) Implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/127: report of the Secretary-General (A/42/490);

(d) International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: report of the Secretary-General (A/42/594);

(e) Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (A/CONF.133/12);

(f) Letter dated 18 June 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/357-S/18935);

(g) Letter dated 15 July 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/407);

(h) Letter dated 20 July 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Samoa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/417);

(i) Letter dated 13 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/477-S/19048);

(j) Letter dated 8 September 1987 from the Permanent Representatives of Bolivia and Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/549);

(k) Letter dated 19 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/677);

(l) Letter dated 23 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/681);

(m) Letter dated 13 August 1987 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/42/2).

4. At the 31st meeting, on 2 November, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/42/Sk.31).

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board (see A/C.3/42/SR.31).

6. At the 35th meeting, on 4 November, the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking made a statement (see A/C.3/42/SR.35).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

### A. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.41

7. At the 42nd meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Venezuela, on behalf of Angola, Argentina, Australia, The Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, the German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Senegal, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.41) entitled "Preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances". Subsequently, Rwanda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

8. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was circulated in document A/C.3/42/L.46.

9. At the 44th meeting, on 12 November, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

10. At the same meeting, following a statement by the representative of Venezuela, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.41 without a vote (see para. 22, draft resolution I).

### B. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.42

11. At the 42nd meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Malaysia, on behalf of Australia, Austria, The Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burma, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic Kampuchea, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.42) entitled "International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking". Subsequently, Argentina, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire,

Pakistan, Samoa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

12. At the 44th meeting, on 12 November, it was announced that Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics had withdrawn as sponsors of the draft resolution. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics made a statement (see A/C.3/42/SR.44).

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.42 without a vote (see para. 22, draft resolution II). The representative of Democratic Kampuchea then made a statement (see A/C.3/42/SR.44).

C. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.43

14. At the 42nd meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Bolivia, on behalf of Angola, Argentina, The Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Guatemala, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, Spain, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.43) entitled "International campaign against drug abuse and illicit trafficking". Subsequently, El Salvador, France, Indonesia and the Philippines joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

15. In introducing the draft solution, the representative of Bolivia orally revised the tenth preambular paragraph by inserting the words "in co-ordination with" after the words "the United Nations Development Programme, and".

16. At the 44th meeting, on 12 November, the representative of Bolivia orally introduced additional revisions to the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In the eighth preambular paragraph, the word "professionalism" was replaced by the word "importance", and the words "the importance of" were replaced by the word "in";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, the words "and the Meeting of the Operational Heads of National Narcotics Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East Region" were inserted before the word "(HONLEA)";

(c) In operative paragraph 12, the word "Urges" was replaced by the words "Calls upon" and the word "drastically" was replaced by the word "significantly".

17. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Sweden and Bolivia and by the Chairman (see A/C.3/42/SR.44).

18. Also at the same meeting, on the proposal of the representative of Sweden, the Committee decided to postpone action on the draft resolution.

19. At the 46th meeting, on 13 November, the representative of Bolivia orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) The first preambular paragraph, which read:

"Conscious of the adverse effects of the global problem of drug abuse, illicit production and trafficking in drugs and psychotropic substances on individuals, in that it limits their creativity and the full development of their potential, and on States, in that it is a threat to their security and is prejudicial to their democratic institutions and their economic, social, legal and cultural structures",

was replaced by the following text:

"Conscious of the adverse effects of the global problem of drug abuse, illicit production and trafficking in drugs and psychotropic substances both on individuals, in that it has pernicious physical and psychological effects and limits creativity and the full development of human potential, and in relation to States, as it is a threat to their security and is prejudicial to their democratic institutions and their economic, social, legal and cultural structures";

(b) In the fourth preambular paragraph, the word "due" was inserted before the word "account";

(c) In operative paragraph 3, the words "and the increasingly closer link between drug trafficking and other forms" were replaced by the words "and its increasingly close links with other forms".

20. At the same meeting, following a statement by the representative of Sweden, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.43, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 22, draft resolution III).

#### D. Draft decision

21. At its 46th meeting, on 12 November, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (A/42/489) and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/127 (A/42/490) (see para. 23).

### III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

22. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic in  
narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/168 of 20 December 1978, 35/195 of 15 December 1980, 36/132 of 14 December 1981, 36/168 of 16 December 1981, 37/168 of 17 December 1982, 37/198 of 18 December 1982, 38/93 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983, 39/141 and 39/143 of 14 December 1984, 40/120, 40/121 and 40/122 of 13 December 1985 and 41/125, 41/126 and 41/127 of 4 December 1986 and other relevant provisions,

Recalling also the contents of resolution 41/126, in which it is stated that the preliminary draft convention prepared by the Secretary-General in compliance with Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 1 (S-IX) of 14 February 1986 2/ constitutes a positive step in the preparation of the convention and that the elements included in the draft correspond to many of the interests of the international community in its efforts to confront the problem of illicit drug trafficking,

Emphasizing the importance of the contribution that will be made by the convention in supplementing the existing international instruments on the subject, namely the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, 3/ and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, 4/

Taking note of the request made to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in paragraph 3 of resolution 41/126 to continue the preparation of the draft convention so that it might be effective and widely acceptable and enter into force at an early date,

1. Expresses its appreciation to and commends the Secretary-General for the report 5/ submitted to the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on progress achieved in the preparation of a new convention;

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

3/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 976, No. 14152, p. 106.

4/ Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956, p. 176.

5/ A/CONF.133/5.

2. Underlines the importance of the appeal made by the Conference in paragraph 3 of its Declaration, 6/ in which it called for the urgent but careful preparation and finalization, taking into account the various aspects of illicit trafficking, of the draft convention to ensure its entry into force at the earliest possible date as a complement to existing international instruments;

3. Welcomes the report of the meeting of the intergovernmental expert group on the preparation of the draft convention, in accordance with Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 1 (XXXII) of 10 February 1987, 7/ and urges Member States to submit in due course their observations on the draft revised by the expert group;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, using existing resources, to consider convening 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 against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and, if possible, to reach agreement on the convention;

5. Requests the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, through the Economic and Social Council, to consider and, if possible, approve, at its tenth special session, the draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and to prepare recommendations on the next measures to be taken with a view to concluding the preparation of the convention, including the possibility of convening a plenipotentiary conference in 1988 for its adoption;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary administrative arrangements for the convening of any agreed plenipotentiary conference in 1988 for the signing of the convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

7. Once again urges all States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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6/ A/CONF.133/12, chap. I, sect. B.

7/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 4 (E/1987/17), chap. VIII, sect. A.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 40/122 of 13 December 1985, by which it decided to convene in 1987, in response to the initiative of the Secretary-General, an International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking at the ministerial level, at Vienna, with the mandate to generate universal action, and as an expression of the political will of nations to combat the drug menace and as a means of tackling the serious and complex international drug problem in all its forms,

Recalling also its resolution 41/125 of 4 December 1986,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council decision 1987/127 of 26 May 1987,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, 8/

Expressing its determination to strengthen action and co-operation at the national, regional and international levels towards the goal of an international society free of drug abuse,

Noting the need for a review and assessment of the follow-up to the Conference,

Also noting with appreciation the offer of the Government of Bolivia to host a second international conference,

1. Welcomes the successful conclusion of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, in particular the adoption of the Declaration 9/ and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 10/ and takes note of the report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking; 11/

2. Affirms its commitment to the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as an expression of the political will of nations to combat the drug menace;

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8/ A/42/594.

9/ A/CONF.133/12, chap. I, sect. B.

10/ Ibid., sect. A.

11/ A/CONF.133/12.



3. Urges Governments and organizations, in formulating programmes, to take due account of the framework provided by the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control as a repertory of recommendations setting forth practical measures that can contribute to the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to make available, within existing resources, adequate copies of the Declaration and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control;
5. Decides to observe 26 June each year as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking;
6. Appeals to Member States to provide additional resources to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control as a priority goal in the follow-up of the Conference to enable it to strengthen its co-operation with the developing countries in their efforts to implement drug control programmes;
7. Requests 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 International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and, in this context, to give appropriate consideration to the report of the Secretary-General on the Conference;
8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION III

#### International campaign against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

##### The General Assembly,

Conscious of the adverse effects of the global problem of drug abuse, illicit production and trafficking in drugs and psychotropic substances both on individuals, in that it has pernicious physical and psychological effects and limits creativity and the full development of human potential, and in relation to States, as it is a threat to their security and is prejudicial to their democratic institutions and their economic, social, legal and cultural structures,

Considering that the situation continues to deteriorate owing, inter alia, to the growing interrelationship between drug trafficking and transnational criminal organizations that are responsible for much of the drug traffic and abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and for the increase in violence and corruption, which injure society,

Recognizing the collective responsibility of States for providing appropriate resources for the elimination of illicit production, trafficking and abuse of drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recognizing also that measures to prevent and control supply and to combat illicit trafficking can be effective only if they take into consideration the close link between illicit production, transit and drug abuse and the social, economic and cultural conditions in the States affected, and that they must be formulated and implemented in the context of States' social and economic policy, taking due account of community traditions, harmonious development and conservation of the environment,

Recognizing once again that transit routes used by drug traffickers are constantly shifting and that an increasing number of countries in all regions of the world and even entire areas, because of their geographical location and other considerations, are particularly vulnerable to the illicit transit traffic,

Considering that co-operative regional and international action is required in order to reduce the vulnerability of States and regions to the illicit transit traffic and to provide necessary support and assistance, particularly to countries hitherto unaffected,

Taking into account the need to reaffirm the effectiveness of human, moral and spiritual values for preventing the consumption of narcotic drugs, at the national and international levels, through information, guidance and educational activities,

Considering the importance of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in its role as a catalyst in the United Nations system, and that it has become the major source of multilateral financing for technical co-operation programmes in the context of the international campaign against abuse of, and illicit trafficking in, drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recognizing that the policy adopted by the Fund for the formulation of so-called master plans takes into account the principal social, economic and cultural factors of countries, as well as their national and regional programmes, in which both donor countries and recipients of technical assistance are actively involved in concerted action with a view to combating the problem at all stages,

Taking note also of the close link existing between Governments, public institutions and the Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, and in co-ordination with other organizations of the United Nations system concerned with controlling abuse of drugs and psychotropic substances,

Recalling its resolution 41/127 of 4 December 1986 and other relevant resolutions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Economic and Social Council, adopted to advance the international campaign against abuse of, and illicit traffic in, drugs and psychotropic substances,

1. Once again condemns unequivocally drug trafficking in all its forms - illicit production, processing, marketing and consumption - as a criminal activity, and requests all States to pledge their political will in a concerted and universal struggle to achieve its complete and final elimination;

2. Urges States to acknowledge that they share responsibility for combating the problem of illicit consumption, production, transit and trafficking and, therefore, to encourage international co-operation in the struggle to eliminate production, illicit trafficking and abuse of drugs and psychotropic substances, in accordance with the relevant international and national norms;
3. Acknowledges the constant and determined efforts of Governments at the national, regional and international levels to cope with the increase in drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking and its increasingly close links with other forms of organized international criminal activities;
4. Notes with appreciation the unanimous adoption by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking of the Declaration and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 12/ and urges States to apply the recommendations of the Conference in a determined and sustained manner;
5. Takes note of the First Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African Region, the First Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin American and Caribbean Region, and the Meeting of the Operational Heads of National Narcotics Law Enforcement Agencies, Far East Region (HONLEA), and requests the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to consider their recommendations at its tenth special session, in order to determine the specific measures required for their implementation, for their possible adoption by the Economic and Social Council at its next session;
6. Encourages States to use the meetings of the Working Group of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the purpose of exchanging experiences in their struggle against the illicit transit of drugs and psychotropic substances and to increase regional and interregional co-operation on this aspect;
7. Reiterates once again its request to the Secretary-General to continue to make the necessary arrangements for holding, within the framework of advisory services, interregional seminars on the experience gained within the United Nations system in rural integrated development programmes that include the substitution of illegal crops in affected areas, including the Andean region;
8. Commends the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control for the productive work that it has done as one of the main organs of the United Nations system providing technical co-operation in the field of drug abuse, and encourages it to continue its activities to combat the drug problem, paying particular attention to applications from developing countries, at the request of the latter;
9. Calls upon all States to continue and increase their political support of, and financial contributions to, the Fund, and encourages its

Executive Director to continue systematically and consistently strengthening the activities of the Fund in affected countries and regions, so as to enable them to combat all aspects of the problem effectively;

10. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/32 of 26 May 1987;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure that the United Nations Department of Public Information includes in its publications information designed to prevent the use of narcotic drugs, especially among young people;

12. Calls upon the Governments of countries facing problems of drug abuse, particularly those most seriously affected, as part of their national strategy, to take the necessary measures to reduce significantly the illicit demand for drugs and psychotropic substances with the aim of creating in society a deep respect for its own health, fitness and well-being and to provide appropriate information and advice for all sectors of their communities with regard to drug abuse, its harmful effects and the way in which appropriate community action can be promoted;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to take steps, within existing resources, to provide appropriate support for strengthening the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board, including through redeployment;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution and decides to include in its agenda the item entitled "International campaign against traffic in drugs".

23. The Third Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on the draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/127

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances 13/ and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/127. 14/

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