

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to organize its work on the draft convention on the rights of the child at its thirty-fifth session so that the draft of the Convention may be ready for adoption if possible during the International Year of the Child;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the question of a convention on the rights of the child.

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33/167. Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/127 of 16 December 1977,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 24 (XXXIV) of 8 March 1978⁸² on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Noting with serious concern the report of the Secretary-General⁸³ on the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions, in which he reported that owing to financial difficulties he was unable to organize any seminar for the purpose of discussing the usefulness and advisability of the establishment of regional commissions for the promotion and protection of human rights in regions where no regional commission on human rights exists,

Stressing the importance of the speedy and effective implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly on this question,

1. *Reiterates its appeal* to States in areas where regional arrangements in the field of human rights do not yet exist to consider agreements with a view to the establishment within their respective regions of suitable regional machinery for the promotion and protection of human rights;

2. *Requests once again* that the Secretary-General, under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, give priority to the consideration, in regions where no regional commission on human rights exists, of seminars for the purpose of discussing the usefulness and advisability of the establishment of regional commissions for the promotion and protection of human rights and that at least one such seminar should be organized during 1979;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session and also to include in his report to the Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Commission resolution 24 (XXXIV), such information as he may already possess on the implementation of this resolution.

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⁸² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*, chap. XXVI, sect. A.
⁸³ A/33/219.

33/168. Narcotic drugs

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁸⁴ of that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁸⁵ and of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971,⁸⁶ which form the main basis of all efforts in international drug control,

Bearing in mind the numerous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the World Health Organization on the subject in recent years as well as the relevant recommendations of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁸⁷

Aware of the comprehensive and valuable work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board as the main technical and treaty organs entrusted with specific functions in order to ensure and supervise the proper implementation of the Conventions and Protocol and to foster the most efficient international drug control,

Preoccupied by the persistence of serious health, social and economic problems of drug abuse for individuals, young and old, and for societies as a whole,

Noting with great concern the detrimental effects of the continued international drug traffic,

Reaffirming the responsibility of Governments as well as the collective responsibility of the international community to regulate and limit the cultivation, production, manufacture and use of drugs to quantities required for medical and scientific purposes, in accordance with the above-mentioned treaties,

Convinced that measures to reduce illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including prevention through proper information and education, treatment and rehabilitation, must be taken concurrently with measures of adequate control to reduce illicit drug supply and traffic,

Also convinced that co-ordinated efforts by all competent agencies and organizations concerned with the fight against illicit drug traffic should be intensified to bring about even better results in the interception of illicit drug traffic,

Considering the response to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 32/124 of 16 December 1977 given by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs concerning the launching of a meaningful programme of international drug abuse control strategy and policies to be considered by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session in February 1979,

1. *Reiterates* its appeal to all States not yet parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁸⁸ and the Convention on Psycho-

⁸⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

⁸⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XI.3, p. 13.

⁸⁶ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.XI.3, p. 7.

⁸⁷ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.2 and corrigendum, para. 28.

⁸⁸ See *Official Records of the United Nations Conference to consider amendments to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.XI.7), part three.