

Use of Opium after the pattern of the model codes⁶⁸ prepared by the League of Nations Advisory Committee on the Traffic in Opium and Other Dangerous Drugs for the application of the International Opium Convention, signed at Geneva on 19 February 1925, and of the Convention for limiting the Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, signed at Geneva on 13 July 1931;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the model code and commentary, after their completion by the Commission, to all governments with the request that they should be guided as far as possible by the code and commentary in framing the necessary legislative and administrative measures for the application of the Protocol.

739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.

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ASSUMPTION BY ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO THEM UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PROTOCOL FOR LIMITING AND REGULATING THE CULTIVATION OF THE POPPY PLANT, THE PRODUCTION OF, INTERNATIONAL AND WHOLESALE TRADE IN, AND USE OF OPIUM, AND OF THE FINANCIAL BURDENS RESULTING THEREFROM

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution XVII of the United Nations Opium Conference (1953),

Having regard to the functions and responsibilities exercised by the United Nations in the international control of narcotic drugs,

Considering that the arrangements established in the Protocol adopted by the United Nations Opium Conference (1953) for limiting and regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium, fall within the framework of the United Nations,

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly:

(a) To approve the assumption of the functions and responsibilities assigned to organs of the United Nations by the Protocol, adopted by the United Nations Opium Conference (1953), for limiting and regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium;

(b) To include this Protocol among the multilateral treaties relating to the control of narcotic drugs for the purpose of assessing, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 455 (V), non-member States which are Parties to such treaties for their fair share of the expenses borne by the United Nations in connexion with the international control of narcotic drugs;

2. *Proposes*, in accordance with rule 13 (d) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to include this recommendation in the provisional agenda of the eighth regular session of the General Assembly.

739th plenary meeting,
28 July 1953.

⁶⁸ See League of Nations document C.774.M.365.1932.XI.

506 (XVI). Accession by Viet Nam to the Convention on Road Traffic of 19 September 1949

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the letter⁶⁹ from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Viet Nam, dated 18 May 1953, concerning the desire of Viet Nam to become a Party to the Convention on Road Traffic signed at Geneva on 19 September 1949,

Resolves to admit the State of Viet Nam as a Party to that Convention.

715th plenary meeting,
7 July 1953.

507 (XVI). Accession by the Vatican City State to the Convention on Road Traffic of 19 September 1949

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the letter⁷⁰ from the Secretariat of State of the Vatican City, dated 16 May 1953, concerning the desire of that State to become a Party to the Convention on Road Traffic signed at Geneva on 19 September 1949,

Resolves to admit the Vatican City State as a Party to that Convention.

715th plenary meeting,
7 July 1953.

508 (XVI). Accession by the Federal Republic of Germany to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the desire expressed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany⁷¹ to accede to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons, opened for accession at Lake Success on 6 April 1950,

Decides to invite the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to accede to the said Convention.

750th plenary meeting,
5 August 1953.

509 (XVI). Question of access to Headquarters of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Notes* the report⁷² of the Secretary-General and his oral statements of 31 July⁷³ and 1 August 1953⁷⁴

⁶⁹ See document E/2453.

⁷⁰ See document E/2453.

⁷¹ See document E/2495.

⁷² See document E/2492.

⁷³ See document E/2501.

⁷⁴ See document E/SR.745.

on negotiations with the United States of America concerning the interpretation of the Headquarters Agreement on the question of access to Headquarters of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status;

2. *Trusts* that any remaining questions will be satisfactorily and expeditiously resolved within the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement.

745th plenary meeting,
1 August 1953.

Other decisions taken by the Council at its sixteenth session

Other decisions taken by the Council at its sixteenth session are noted below:

Election of one-third of the membership of the functional commissions of the Council

At its 747th and 749th meetings, on 3 and 4 August 1953, the Council renewed one-third of the membership of the Transport and Communications Commission, the Fiscal Commission, the Statistical Commission, the Population Commission, the Social Commission, the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women. It also elected five members to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

As a result of those decisions, the composition of the functional commissions for 1954 is as follows:

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

	<i>Term of office expires on 31 December</i>
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	1956
China	1955
Colombia	1955
Egypt	1956
France	1955
India	1954
Netherlands	1954
Norway	1955
Pakistan	1955
Paraguay	1954
Poland	1954
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1956
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1954
United States of America	1956
Venezuela	1956

FISCAL COMMISSION

Belgium	1955
Canada	1955
Chile	1955
China	1956
Colombia	1954
Cuba	1955
Czechoslovakia	1954
France	1956
India	1956
Pakistan	1954
Sweden	1954

Turkey	1956
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1955
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1956
United States of America	1954

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Australia	1954
Canada	1955
China	1954
Cuba	1955
Denmark	1956
France	1956
India	1955
Iran	1955
Netherlands	1954
Panama	1956
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1955
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1954
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1956
United States of America	1954
Yugoslavia	1956

POPULATION COMMISSION

Argentina	1956
Belgium	1956
Brazil	1956
Canada	1956
China	1955
France	1955
Indonesia	1954
Iran	1955
Mexico	1954
Sweden	1955
Syria	1956
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1955
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1954
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1954
United States of America	1954

SOCIAL COMMISSION

Argentina	1955
Australia	1956
Belgium	1956