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REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

The Economic and Social Council,

*Having examined the Report on the World Social Situation,*⁴⁷

1. *Endorses* the opinion of the Social Commission regarding the importance and value of the reports on the world social situation;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned on the high quality of the present report;

3. *Expresses its gratification* with the social progress noted in the present report;

4. *Expresses concern* over the uneven development in various sectors within countries as well as between different countries;

5. *Considers of special importance* the problems of balance among the factors of development, having regard especially to the interaction between developments in the economic and in the social fields;

6. *Attaches special importance also* to the question of urbanization and *urges* the Secretary-General and *invites* the specialized agencies concerned to continue their work in this field, looking towards the evolution of integrated policies in the field of urbanization to be developed with due regard to both rural and urban aspects of the problem.

*994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.*

I

DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN SPECIALISTS IN SOCIAL MATTERS

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the *Report on the World Social Situation*⁴⁸ contains useful information on the exchange of experience between States in the matter of raising and improving the social conditions of broad sectors of the population in many countries of the world;

Considering that international co-operation and personal contacts in the social field will facilitate the development of mutual understanding between peoples;

Recommends that Governments extend international co-operation in the social field and, in particular, promote and encourage the development of personal contacts and the exchange of experience among experts in the social field.

*994th plenary meeting,
31 July 1957.*

⁴⁷ E/CN.5/324/Rev.1. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1957.IV.3.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (TWELFTH SESSION)

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (twelfth session).⁴⁹

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

B

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Permanent Central Opium Board on the work of the Board in 1956.⁵⁰

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

C

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON OPIUM

The Economic and Social Council

Requests the Secretary-General to increase the staff and facilities of the United Nations Laboratory so as to permit an increased number of analyses of opium samples to be carried out and research on methods of determining the geographical origin of opium by physical and chemical means to be expedited.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

D

THE QUESTION OF KHAT

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted that the habitual chewing of the leaves of khat (*catha edulis*) has become widespread in several countries,

Recognizing that this habit gives rise to a grave social problem in the countries affected,

Invites the World Health Organization to study the medical aspects of the problem and to report thereon to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/3010 and Add.1).*

⁵⁰ E/OB/12 and Add., United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.XI.4 and Addendum.

E

DRAFT SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its twelfth session concerning the progress made in codifying the international instruments on narcotic drugs,⁵¹

Recalling resolution 626 F (XXII) of 2 August 1956, in which it requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to devote the maximum time at its twelfth session to the completion of a draft single convention on narcotic drugs,

Commending the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the progress made in this connexion,

1. Reiterates its desire to see the draft single convention completed in as short a time as possible;
2. Requests the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to give priority to this work;
3. Authorizes the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to sit for an additional week at its thirteenth session for this purpose.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

F

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIA AND MOROCCO

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 626 D (XXII) of 2 August 1956, by which it invited Governments to consider the possibility of applying, under existing arrangements concerned with technical assistance, for the advisory services of experts, fellowships and scholarships, and seminars, in the field of narcotics control;

Recalling also that under the terms of that resolution the United Nations and the specialized agencies were recommended to give due consideration to any requests which the countries concerned might make for technical assistance in developing appropriate administrative, social or economic measures in order to deal effectively with problems raised by the illicit production of, or traffic in, narcotic drugs or by drug addiction,

Noting that, at the twelfth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the representative of India⁵² drew attention to this country's need for technical assistance on matters connected with the treatment of addicts and also in eradicating the wild growth of cannabis plants, and that the observer of Morocco⁵³ referred to his country's need for help in carrying out its plan to substitute other crops for the cannabis crop in northern Morocco, and also in the treatment of addicts using cannabis,

⁵¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/3010 and Add.1), chap. XII.*

⁵² *Ibid.*, para. 424.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, para. 426.

1. Draws attention to the importance of the measures being taken, and to be taken, in India and Morocco to deal with the problem of cannabis;

2. Invites the technical assistance authorities of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to give due consideration to any requests for assistance, within the framework of the existing administrative and financial arrangements, which they may receive from the Governments of those countries in this connexion.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

G

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IRAN

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that, in its resolution 626 E (XXII) of 2 August 1956 concerning technical assistance to Iran, it affirmed that "Iran is an important opium-producing country and, in order to ensure the execution of the law banning cultivation of the opium poppy, requires increased technical assistance in enabling its cultivators to introduce other agricultural crops to replace opium poppy plantation and also in respect of the treatment of addicts",

Recalling that at its twelfth session the Commission on Narcotic Drugs expressed its appreciation of the considerable progress that had been made in Iran in this regard,⁵⁴

Further considering the importance of the subject and the need for the continuance of technical assistance to Iran by the United Nations and its specialized agencies,

1. Requests the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations concerned to continue to give due consideration to requests by the Government of Iran for technical assistance in this field;
2. Requests further that the Secretary-General, after consultation with the participating organizations concerned, report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and to the Council on the extent to which it has been possible to meet the request of Iran for technical assistance in this regard.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

H

QUESTION OF INVITING THE AUTHORITIES ENTITLED TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE DRUG SUPERVISORY BODY TO APPOINT PERSONS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its discussion at its sixth session,⁵⁵ the resolution adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its third session,⁵⁶ and the statement contained in the report of the Permanent Central Opium Board

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 423.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, 151st meeting.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/799), section 19.

on the work of the Board in 1956,⁵⁷ relating to the question of close liaison and the possibility of a personal union between the Permanent Central Opium Board and the Drug Supervisory Body,

Taking note with satisfaction of the results already achieved in these respects,

Taking note also with satisfaction of the willingness of the World Health Organization to co-operate in further steps in this regard,

Having regard to the interlocking character of the functions of the two bodies, and to the provisions contained in the second draft⁵⁸ of the single convention on narcotic drugs for the replacement of the two bodies by a single organ,

Recalling also its resolutions 590 A I (XX) of 5 August 1955, and 630 A I (XXII) of 9 August 1956, and the de-

sirability of further streamlining the work of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields,

1. *Expresses its agreement* with the desirability of ensuring to the greatest possible extent close liaison and a personal union between the two bodies, pending the establishment and coming into effect of a single convention;

2. *Invites* the World Health Organization, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and the Permanent Central Opium Board, in the furtherance of these objects, to consider appointing to the Drug Supervisory Body, for a five-year period corresponding to the term of office of members of the Board provided for in the 1925 Convention, persons who are members of the Board.

*995th plenary meeting,
1 August 1957.*

Questions relating to human rights

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (THIRTEENTH SESSION)

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights (thirteenth session).⁵⁹

*989th plenary meeting,
24 July 1957.*

B

OBSERVANCE OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 624 C (XXII) of 1 August 1956, in which it noted the resolution of the Commission on Human Rights⁶⁰ on plans for the widest possible celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and invited the collaboration in that undertaking of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 423 (V) of 4 December 1950 inviting all States to adopt 10 Decem-

ber of each year as Human Rights Day and to celebrate on that day the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly on 10 December 1948, to exert increasing efforts in that field of human progress, and to report annually through the Secretary-General concerning the observance of Human Rights Day,

Recognizing the significance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in promoting an understanding of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Deeply convinced that devotion to the lofty principles set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights would be manifested in the best way by further concrete steps with a view to the protection of human rights and especially by completion of work on the draft International Covenants on Human Rights, including the measures of implementation,

1. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to join in observing the tenth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which will fall on 10 December 1958, making such use as they may consider appropriate of the plans annexed to the present resolution, and *invites* them to include information on the observance of this anniversary in the report which they submit regularly under General Assembly resolution 423 (V);

2. *Recommends* all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to consider the desirability of setting up national committees for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the present resolution;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies to co-operate in the observance of this anniversary, taking into account

⁵⁷ E/OB/12, page 5. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.XI.4.

⁵⁸ E/CN.7/AC.3/7 and Corr.1.

⁵⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4* (E/2970).

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3* (E/2844), para. 113.