The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that in resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957 the General Assembly requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to intensify the programme of the United Nations Refugee Fund to the fullest extent possible in order to achieve permanent solutions for the maximum number of refugees remaining in camps, without losing sight of the need to continue to seek solutions for the problems of refugees outside camps, and authorized him to appeal to States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies for the purpose of raising the additional funds needed for closing the refugee camps,

Considering that the contributions paid, pledged or promised to the Office of the High Commissioner in answer to his appeal are as yet inadequate to enable him to complete by 31 December 1960 the clearance of refugee camps,

Urges States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies:

- (a) To renew their efforts either to contribute or to increase their contribution to the Office of the High Commissioner:
- (b) To assist the Office of the High Commissioner in its task of seeking permanent solutions for the problems of refugees by facilitating their voluntary repatriation or their assimilation within new national communities, in accordance with the basic principle laid down in paragraph 1 of the statute of the High Commissioner's Office 25 and reaffirmed by the General Assembly in resolution 1166 (XII);
- (c) To consider with the help of voluntary agencies further resettlement opportunities for refugees wishing to emigrate from countries of first asylum, including if possible, refugees suffering from physical, social or economic handicaps.

1041st plenary meeting, 21 July 1958.

688 (XXVI). Technical assistance for narcotics control

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the resolution on technical assistance for narcotics control adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirteenth session,²⁶

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the interested specialized agencies, to review the nature and scope of assistance requested by Governments for increasing the efficiency of their measures to control the production of narcotics, to eliminate drug addiction, and to suppress illicit traffic; to explore the extent to which such assistance can be made available under existing programmes; and to formulate, as may be necessary, proposals regarding the assistance which might be made

available by the United Nations and the interested specialized agencies, with an estimate of the cost;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report on these matters to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fourteenth session, and subsequently to the twenty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council.

1042nd plenary meeting, 28 July 1958.

639 (XXVI). International control of narcotic drugs

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (thirteenth session).²⁷

1042nd plenary meeting, 28 July 1958.

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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 1957.²⁸

1042nd plenary meeting, 28 July 1958.

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PUBLICITY ON NEW NARCOTICS

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the growing number of new strong analgesics that come into medical use each year,

Concerned over the frequent declarations by manufacturers or in the press that one or another of these drugs is not addiction-producing,

Recalling the great harm in terms of human suffering arising out of similar claims made with regard to such drugs as heroin and pethidine,

Urges Governments to keep a close watch over the publicity given to new narcotic drugs, and in particular to ensure, so far as possible, that claims of this kind are based only on careful and comprehensive clinical tests.

1042nd plenary meeting, 28 July 1958.

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NATIONAL CONTROL OF NORMETHADONE

The Economic and Social Council,

Observing that the World Health Organization, in its study on the potency, side-effects and addiction liability

⁸⁵ General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex.

²⁶ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3133), annex I, para. 2, section II.

²⁷ Ibid., Supplement No. 9 (E/3133).

²⁸ E/OB/13 and E/OB/13/Addendum. United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1957.XI.3 and 1957.XI.3 Addendum.