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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS
AND REPORT OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL
OPIUM BOARD FOR 1963*The Economic and Social Council*

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (nineteenth session)⁶⁴ and of the report of the Permanent Central Opium Board for 1963.⁶⁵

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THE QUESTION OF KHAT⁶⁶*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 667 D (XXIV) of 1 August 1957, by which it invited the World Health Organization to study the medical aspects of the habitual chewing of khat leaves and to submit a report thereon to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Being informed that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its nineteenth session, studied this report,⁶⁷

Noting that medical and social problems connected with the habitual and excessive chewing of khat leaves are confined at present to a limited number of countries in one geographical area,

1. *Thanks* the World Health Organization for its important contribution to the study of the medical aspects of khat-leaf chewing;

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments of countries concerned to the report of the World Health Organization for any action they may consider necessary.

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⁶⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3893).*

⁶⁵ E/OB/19 and E/OB/19/Addendum, United Nations publications, Sales Nos. 64.XI.11 and 64.XI.11/Addendum.

⁶⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3893), para. 149.*

⁶⁷ See document E/CN.7/459/Add.1 (WHO/APD/127/Rev.1).

SURVEY OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS
OF THE OPIUM-PRODUCING REGIONS IN THAILAND⁶⁸*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having been informed that the Government of Thailand intends to undertake, with the assistance of the United Nations and other international organizations, a survey of the economic and social needs of its opium-producing areas with a view to facilitating the abolition of poppy cultivation and addiction by measures of economic and social development offering the individuals affected alternative means of livelihood in industry, handicrafts and agriculture,

Considering that such measures of economic and social development in Thailand would be beneficial not only to Thailand but also to many other countries which would profit from a resulting reduction of the illicit traffic in opiates,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization and, in particular, the Technical Co-operation authorities of the organizations of the United Nations family to give favourable consideration to a request of the Government of Thailand for assistance in such a survey;

2. *Draws the attention* of the Secretary-General to the fact that arrangements could be made for the conduct of a survey, if requested by the Government concerned, to take the place of a contemplated project under normal re-programming procedures of the Expanded Programme, or by assignment to category II for implementation when possible.

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1022 (XXXVII). Annual report of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Refugees*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with the annexed reports of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme on its second special session and of the eleventh session,⁶⁹

Takes note with appreciation of the report prepared by the High Commissioner for transmission to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session.

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⁶⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (E/3893), para. 172.*

⁶⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/5811) and appendix.*