

SOCIAL QUESTIONS

1195 (XLII). Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and report of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its twenty-first session¹⁹ and of the report of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board on its work in 1966.²⁰

1464th plenary meeting,
16 May 1967.

1196 (XLII). Administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,²¹ came into force on 13 December 1964,

Taking into account the provisions of article 9, paragraph 2, of this Convention, according to which it shall, in consultation with the International Narcotics Control Board, make all arrangements necessary to ensure the full technical independence of that Board in carrying out its functions,

Considering the importance of this independence in view of the functions of the International Narcotics Control Board,

Considering also that the provisions of article 20 of the International Opium Convention of 19 February 1925 as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946²² concerning the full technical independence of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board²³ are very similar to those of article 9, paragraph 2, of the 1961 Convention in respect of the arrangements to be made for the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board,

Recalling its resolution 201 (VIII) of 2 March 1949 approving the administrative arrangements concluded under the terms of article 20 of the 1925 Convention referred to above, for the purpose of ensuring the full technical independence of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board,

Holding that these arrangements have stood the test of time and have in fact enabled the Permanent Central Narcotics Board to perform its functions in full freedom and technical independence to the full satisfaction of the international society of States,

Convinced that similar arrangements will ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board in an equally satisfactory manner,

Taking into account the recommendations made by the Permanent Central Narcotics Board under article 45, paragraph 1, of the 1961 Convention, for the conclusion of such arrangements,

Considering the draft of the arrangements agreed upon by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Permanent Central Narcotics Board for approval by the Economic and Social Council,

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 2 (E/4294).

²⁰ E/OB/22 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 66.XI.9).

²¹ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.XI.1.

²² *Idem.*, Sales No. 1974.XI.4.

²³ Formerly designated the "Permanent Central Opium Board".

Noting the responsibility to the General Assembly of the Secretary-General, as chief administrative officer of the United Nations, for administrative and financial matters,

Noting also the recommendations of the Commission on Narcotics Drugs on the subject,

Recalling its resolution 1106 (XL) of 4 March 1966, by which it decided, pursuant to article 45, paragraph 2, of the 1961 Convention, that the International Narcotics Control Board shall enter upon its duties on 2 March 1968,

1. Recognizes its obligations to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board;

2. Approves the arrangements prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Permanent Central Narcotics Board and contained in the annex to the present resolution;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to implement these arrangements, taking into account the character of the functions of the International Narcotics Control Board and the importance of that organ's full technical independence in the performance of its tasks;

4. Requests its Commissions, and urges the specialized agencies, to recognize the International Narcotics Control Board as having the faculty of participating in meetings in which that Board is interested;

5. Invites States Members of the United Nations, States members of the specialized agencies, States Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice and other States which have been invited to become parties to the 1961 Convention, to extend to the members of the International Narcotics Control Board privileges and immunities along the lines laid down in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations as approved by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946.

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ANNEX

Administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 9, paragraph 2, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961)

Secretariat

1. The International Narcotics Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) shall have a secretariat, distinct from the Division of Narcotic Drugs.

2. This secretariat shall be an integral part of the Secretariat of the United Nations. While under the full administrative control of the Secretary-General, it is bound to carry out the decisions of the Board.

3. The members of the secretariat are appointed or assigned by the Secretary-General. The head of this secretariat shall be appointed or assigned in consultation with the Board.

4. The Secretary-General will assign to the secretariat of the Board those persons who on 1 March 1968 belong to the staff of the joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board and Drug Supervisory Body.

5. The provisions of the administrative arrangements approved by Economic and Social Council resolution 201 (VIII) for the present Permanent Central Narcotics Board other than those concerning its secretariat shall be applied to the working of the Board. In particular: