

## 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 session<sup>19</sup> and of the report of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board on its work in 1966.<sup>20</sup>

*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,<sup>21</sup> 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 1946<sup>22</sup> concerning the full technical independence of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board<sup>23</sup> 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,

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:

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

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

<sup>21</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.XI.1.

<sup>22</sup> *Idem.*, Sales No. 1974.XI.4.

<sup>23</sup> Formerly designated the "Permanent Central Opium Board".

### *Budget*

6. The budget estimates of the Board shall be prepared by the head of the Board's secretariat, in consultation with the competent unit of the United Nations Secretariat. The estimates shall be approved by the Board or by a Committee of the members of the Board set up for this purpose before they are transmitted to the Secretary-General for submission to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the General Assembly, with such comments as he may deem appropriate.

7. The budget of the Board shall constitute a separate unit. It shall provide for all expenses of the Board and those of its staff excepting costs of a general nature which shall be paid from general appropriations in the United Nations budget without being charged to the budget of the Board, such as the several common staff costs for the secretariat of the Board, language, meetings and documents services, provision and maintenance of premises and equipment, communications, library services, public information services, office and other miscellaneous supplies.

8. The budget shall thus in particular provide for travel of the members of the Board, for the remuneration (article 10, para. 6, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961) and other allowances paid to them (e.g., *per diem*), for salaries of the members of the secretariat, staff travel on official business, and for the printing of reports and other documents of the Board. Provision should also be made for the contingency of unforeseen expenses.

9. The various items of the separate budget to be administered as a unit may, in accordance with the practice adopted since the thirteenth session of the General Assembly, be included in the different relevant chapters and sections of the United Nations budget. The budget of the Board, with its several items, shall however, be separately shown in the Secretary-General's budget estimates for information purposes, and the total shall be separately identified in the General Assembly's appropriation resolution.

10. All commitments or payments in respect of the budget of the Board shall require the authorization of the Board or the head of its secretariat acting on behalf of the Board under its general or special instructions.

11. The Board or the head of its secretariat acting on behalf of the Board under its general or special instructions shall be authorized to transfer credits from one item to another of the budget.

### *Correspondence*

12. The correspondence of the Board shall not be subject to any control as regards substance, form or otherwise.

### *Representation*

13. The Board shall have the right to be represented at meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as well as at meetings of the Economic and Social Council, other organs of the United Nations, other conferences held under the auspices of the United Nations, specialized agencies and other organizations at which problems relating to narcotic drugs are considered.

### *Confidential character of the International Narcotics Control Board's documents and papers*

14. All administrative measures shall be taken which are necessary to protect the confidential character of the correspondence and other papers of the Board.

15. The files, correspondence and other papers, confidential and restricted documents of the Board shall not be made available to persons other than members of the Board or its secretariat without the authorization of the Board or the head of its secretariat.

16. The incoming mail of the Board shall not be opened except by a member of its secretariat and its outgoing communications shall be sealed by such a member before dispatch.

### *Dates of meetings*

17. In making arrangements for the meetings of the Board the Secretary-General shall give due consideration to the

fact that the timing of that organ's actions often depends on cogent treaty provisions.

18. Each of the two regular meetings of the Board shall be convened at approximately the same time each year.

### *Publicity*

19. The Secretary-General shall make the arrangements necessary for assuring to the Board the publicity desired for its work.

### *Duration*

20. The arrangements outlined in paragraphs 1 to 19 above shall be in force from 2 March 1968 to 1 March 1974, subject to the right of the Secretary-General to propose, in agreement with the Board, at any time to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Economic and Social Council, taking into account the views of primary producing countries and other Parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, from time to time, such revisions of the arrangements as might be found to be useful, to become effective even before the expiration of that period. In the light of the experience gained from the working of the 1961 Convention in this transitional period, proposals for a prolongation of the arrangements or the conclusion of new or revised arrangements shall, in accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the 1961 Convention, be submitted to the Council to take effect on 2 March 1974.

### *Action by the General Assembly*

21. The Secretary-General will take such measures as may be required to request the General Assembly to implement the provisions of article 6 (assessment of contributions, by the Parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, which are not members of the United Nations, to the expenses of the Board) and article 10, paragraph 6 (adequate remuneration of the members of the Board) of the 1961 Convention.

## **1197 (XLII). LSD and similar substances**

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting with deep concern* the increasing abuse of LSD (LSD-25, lysergic acid diethylamide, lysergide),

*Recognizing* the grave danger of this abuse to health and safety with respect to both the individual and society,

1. *Requests* Governments to take immediate action to control strictly the import, export and production of LSD and substances producing similar ill effects either immediately or readily by conversion, and to place the distribution of these substances under the supervision of competent authorities;

2. *Recommends* that the use of these substances be restricted to use for scientific research and medical purposes and that they be administered only under very close and continuous medical supervision;

3. *Condemns* all other usage of such substances and urges Governments to take all steps to prevent it.

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## **1198 (XLII). Approval of the appointment of the Secretary of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board**

### *The Economic and Social Council*

*Approves*, in accordance with article 20 of the International Opium Convention of 19 February 1925, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946,<sup>24</sup>

<sup>24</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: 47.XI.4.