

SPECIAL QUESTIONS

1559 (XLIX). Concerted United Nations action against drug abuse and establishment of a United Nations fund for drug-abuse control

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1532 (XLIX) of 24 July 1970 by which the Council convened a special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to consider short-term and long-term policy recommendations for integrated international action against drug abuse,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its second special session,⁷ and the resolution contained therein⁸ calling for (a) immediate action to expand the research and information facilities of United Nations drug-control bodies, to plan and implement programmes of technical assistance in the establishment and improvement of national drug-control administrations and enforcement machinery and the training of needed personnel, and to enlarge the capabilities and extend the operations of United Nations drug-control bodies and their secretariats; (b) the establishment of a United Nations fund for drug-abuse control; and (c) the elaboration by the Secretary-General of a plan for long-term action against drug abuse involving the entire United Nations system of organizations as appropriate,

1. *Recognizes* the need for immediate action on an urgent basis as well as for the establishment of a plan for concerted long-term action by the United Nations family of organizations to deal with the problem of the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances simultaneously at its three critical points: supply, demand and illicit traffic;

2. *Endorses* the resolution of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as a basis for achieving these ends;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in keeping with the recommendation of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to establish, as an initial measure and as a matter of urgency, a United Nations fund for drug-abuse control to be made up from voluntary contributions, such fund to be initially used for the purposes which were approved by the Commission and administered by the Secretary-General pending the development and consideration by the Council of the proposed long-term plan of action, including permanent arrangements for administration and financing;

4. *Invites* the appropriate United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent international organizations, with such assistance as may be appropriate from the United Nations fund for drug-abuse

⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/4931).*

⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. V.

control, to co-operate fully in the planning and execution of short-term and long-term measures and programmes pertinent to the drug-abuse problem in all its aspects;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-second session through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Transmits* the present resolution, together with the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its second special session, to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session for any further action it may deem appropriate.

1727th plenary meeting,
11 November 1970.

1561 (XLIX). Calendar of Conferences

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the established and consistent practice which entitles all countries members of regional economic commissions to be the venue of meetings of the said commissions,

Considering that it is highly beneficial to these commissions and their member States to have some of their regular sessions held elsewhere than at the headquarters of these organs, despite the limitations in terms of conference facilities that may exist,

Recalling also that the membership of the regional economic commissions, unlike that of the principal organs of the United Nations, is limited primarily by geographical considerations and that not all Members of the United Nations are eligible for membership in these regional organs,

1. *Reaffirms* that the question of the appropriateness of the choice of venue for the regular sessions of the regional economic commissions is primarily within the competence of the said commissions meeting as intergovernmental bodies, as provided in their rules of procedure;

2. *Recalls* that the participation of States Members of the United Nations which are not members of the regional organs is governed by the terms of reference and rules of procedure of those regional organs, in accordance with Article 69 of the Charter of the United Nations and the interpretation thereof in rule 75 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, and that this question is accordingly subject to the decisions of the above-mentioned organs.

1729th plenary meeting,
12 November 1970.

Decision

Interagency co-operation relating to computers

(Item 6)

At its 1725th meeting, on 6 November 1970, the Council, recalling its resolution 1551 (XLIX) of 30 July 1970, (1) took note of the proposals contained in the note by the Secretary-General on interagency co-operation relating to com-