

1773 (LIV). 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances: ratifications and accessions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1658 (LII) and 1665 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and General Assembly resolution 3013 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, in particular subparagraph (c) of the operative part of that resolution,

Convinced that action against illicit traffic and drug abuse (narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances) will be more effective when the control system for narcotics is supplemented by appropriate measures in the field of psychotropic substances,

Recommends Governments that are not yet parties to the Convention on Psychotropic Substances⁶⁹ to ratify or accede to this Convention.

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18 May 1973*

1774 (LIV). Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961: ratifications and accessions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3013 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, in particular subparagraphs (a) and (b) of the operative part of that resolution,

Deeply concerned about the threat to human dignity and society posed by the continuous abuse of narcotic drugs,

Recognizing that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁷⁰ provides the international legal framework for the fight against the abuse of narcotic drugs,

Recognizing in addition that the Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁷¹ is intended to strengthen that legal framework,

Recommends Governments that have not already done so:

(a) To ratify the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, or to accede thereto;

(b) To ratify the Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, or to accede thereto.

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1775 (LIV). Keeping in force the administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind article 9, paragraph 2 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁷⁰ which enjoins the Council, in consultation with the International Narcotics Control Board, to make all necessary arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the Board in carrying out its functions,

Recalling its resolution 1196 (XLII) of 16 May 1967, by which it approved administrative arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Board to ensure the Board's full technical independence, such arrangements to remain in force until 1 March 1974,

Taking into account that the Secretary-General and the Board have agreed that these arrangements should remain in force,

Taking into account also resolution I of the United Nations Conference to Consider Amendments to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁷² which expresses the view that the arrangements now in force meet the wishes of the States parties to the Single Convention and to the earlier conventions still in force and which recommends that these procedures should be continued,

1. *Decides* that the administrative arrangements contained in the annex to its resolution 1196 (XLII) should remain in force until the Council decides otherwise, in accordance with the procedure provided for in paragraph 20 of that annex;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to implement the 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 responsibilities.

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1776 (LIV). Illicit traffic

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its resolution 6 (XXV),⁷³ decided to establish a Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East,

Having regard to rule 66 of the rules of procedure of its functional commissions,

1. *Authorizes* the establishment of the aforementioned Sub-Commission;

2. *Decides* that the representatives of the members of the Sub-Commission and of its working groups shall be nominated by their Governments, in consultation with the Secretary-General, and subsequently confirmed by the Council.

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1777 (LIV). Co-ordination of activities of international organs and organizations in the struggle against the abuse of drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3014 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972,

Considering that, as a result, in particular of the efforts of the United Nations, Governments and public opinion are now generally interested in the struggle against the abuse of drugs,

⁶⁹ E/CONF.58/6 and Corr.1 and 2.

⁷⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151.

⁷¹ E/CONF.63/8.

⁷² See E/CONF.63/9.

⁷³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5248)*, para. 487.