

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 of 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,

⁶⁹ E/CONF.58/6 and Corr.1 and 2.

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

⁷¹ E/CONF.63/8.

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,

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.

Considering that this social scourge is nevertheless continuing to grow and spread to a large number of countries,

Considering that action by Governments and international organs and organizations must be taken simultaneously on all fronts: prevention of abuse, repression of illicit traffic, control of production, manufacture, distribution and consumption, development of training and education, scientific research, treatment and rehabilitation,

Considering that such multidisciplinary action calls for a better co-ordination of all efforts in order to avoid duplication, wastage and overlapping that might impair the effectiveness of the struggle against this social scourge,

Considering that it has not proved possible to achieve this co-ordination adequately during the past two years, as demonstrated by the increasing number of international meetings held on the subject, sometimes on the same dates,

Having regard to the urgent need to improve the co-ordination of the measures taken on this subject, so that the knowledge and experience gained can be widely disseminated and utilized in the best interests of all,

Requests the Secretary-General to study the problem of co-ordination and attempt to solve it in the light of the considerations set out above and the views expressed at the twenty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and at the fifty-fourth session of the Economic and Social Council, and to report on the subject.

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1778 (LIV). Periodicity of sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with concern the gravity of the drug problem in all its numerous manifestations,

Bearing in mind the obligations imposed on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board by the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁷⁴

Bearing in mind also that biennial sessions do not permit the Commission to fulfil certain of its responsibilities,

Bearing in mind also the urgent matters referred to under the heading "Programme of work and priorities" in the report of the Commission on its twenty-fifth session,⁷⁵

Recalling its resolution 1156 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 concerning the review and reappraisal of the Council's role and functions, by which it decided that the functional commissions should meet biennially,

1. Decides that, pending further study by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the question of holding its regular sessions annually with a view to carrying out its functions and fulfilling its responsibilities more effectively, the Commission shall hold a special ses-

⁷⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151.

⁷⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5248)*, chap. X.

sion in 1974, if possible after February, in addition to its session scheduled for 1975;

2. Recommends that the special session be convened at Geneva at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, in order to minimize its costs.

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1779 (LIV). Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board on its work in 1972,⁷⁶

Recalling its resolution 1662 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

Noting with concern the Board's conclusion that abusive consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is still increasing in volume and in geographical extent, and its warning about the seriousness of the problem of multi-drug abuse,

Noting with satisfaction the Board's assessment that co-operation received by it from national administrations has been perceptibly enhanced,

Noting further that the Board has sent missions to several countries in 1972 and plans similar missions to other countries in 1973,

1. Urges Governments to continue to co-operate with the International Narcotics Control Board and with one another, with a view to bringing under control illicit production, manufacturing and distribution of, and traffic in, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

2. Requests Governments, in particular those mentioned in the Board's report to bring that report to the attention of the competent authorities in their administration for their information and for remedial action where recommended;

3. Calls attention to the Board's offer to assist Governments that request help in assembling the information required to be transmitted to the Board under the international treaties;

4. Commends the Board for a most useful and constructive report and for the contribution that the Board has made during 1972 to international drug control.

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1780 (LIV). Ad Hoc Committee for the Far East Region of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the importance of regional co-operation in the campaign against illicit production and traffic in drugs,

Taking note of resolution 8 (XXV) of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs⁷⁷ by which the Commission established an Ad Hoc Committee for the Far East Region,

⁷⁶ E/INCB/17 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.XI.5).

⁷⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5248)*, para. 497.