

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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18 May 1973

#### 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,<sup>74</sup>

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,<sup>75</sup>

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-

<sup>74</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151.

<sup>75</sup> 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,<sup>76</sup>

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 Drugs<sup>77</sup> by which the Commission established an Ad Hoc Committee for the Far East Region,

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

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

Welcoming the establishment of the *Ad Hoc* Committee,

Recalling that an organizational meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Committee has already been convened at Geneva in 1973, during the twenty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Authorizes the *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Far East Region to make a study tour of the countries of the region, in 1973, with the approval of the Governments concerned, and if necessary to hold a second meeting at Geneva immediately prior to the next session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in order that it can draw together and finalize its conclusions and recommendations to the Commission.

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#### 1781 (LIV). Scientific research on drug abuse

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Taking note of resolution 10 (XXV) of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs concerning drug abuse,<sup>78</sup>

Endorsing the view expressed by the Commission in that resolution that an expert review of information and the body of scientific research on drug abuse, in advance of its sessions, would enable the Commission to carry out more effectively its responsibilities in this field,

1. Invites the World Health Organization, as the competent specialized agency, to assist the Commission on Narcotic Drugs by preparing timely analytical reports on the epidemiological pattern of drug abuse for use by the Commission;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make available periodically to the World Health Organization all relevant information he may have concerning drug abuse.

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<sup>78</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 582.

### Decisions

#### Economic and social consequences of disarmament (Item 9)

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the question<sup>79</sup> and decided to transmit that report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

#### Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

##### (Item 22)

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973 the Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names<sup>80</sup> and the recommendations of the Conference contained therein;

(b) Endorsed the recommendation of the Conference that the *Ad Hoc* Group of Experts on Geographical Names should henceforth be called the "United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names";

(c) Accepted with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Greece to hold the third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names at Athens from 1 to 22 June 1977, bearing in mind the administrative and financial implications of holding such a Conference<sup>81</sup> and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969.

#### Tourism

##### (Item 21)

At its 1855th meeting, on 16 May 1973 the Council took note of the statement made by the representative of the Secretary-General at the 472nd meeting of the Co-ordination Committee on the question of the

implementation by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations of General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971, and of the reply received thereto from the Secretary-General of the International Union.<sup>82</sup> While expressing satisfaction at the prompt action taken so far in the matter, the Council decided to invite the General Assembly of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations to take appropriate steps to ensure the implementation of Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) as soon as possible.

#### Collective economic security: preliminary consideration of the concept, its scope and potential practical implications

##### (Item 7)

At its 1857th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council, having examined the note by the Secretary-General on the question,<sup>83</sup> decided to request him to prepare a further report on the concept of collective economic security for consideration by the Council at its fifty-fifth session, taking into account the views expressed during the preliminary discussion at the fifty-fourth session.

#### The impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations

##### (Item 8)

At its 1858th meeting, on 18 May 1973, the Council took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General<sup>84</sup> regarding the appointment of the study group on the impact of multinational corporations on the development process and on international relations, and other arrangements for the implementation of Council resolution 1721 (LIII), and of the comments made thereon in the Economic Committee.<sup>85</sup>

<sup>79</sup> E/5243 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>80</sup> E/5249.

<sup>81</sup> E/5249/Add.1.

<sup>82</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.472.

<sup>83</sup> E/5263.

<sup>84</sup> E/5334 and Corr.1.

<sup>85</sup> See documents E/AC.6/SR.630 and 632.