

(c) The attainment of these objectives requires concerted international action on a global scale,

Considering moreover that the decision taken by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its sixteenth session, in its resolution 4.121, to proclaim 1972 International Book Year provides the opportunity for such action.

1. Supports this initiative taken by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization within the framework of its long-term programme for book development;

2. Invites the countries participating in the conferences being organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in July 1971 to respond to the requirements of the developing countries in revising, respectively, the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works²⁷ and the Universal Copyright Convention,²⁸ including their requirements in the field of school and university education;

3. Invites further the developed countries to grant the greatest possible copyright facilities to developing countries within the framework of the International Copyright Information Centre of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

4. Recommends the provision of international assistance for low-cost local reprint and translation or adaptation into national languages of developing countries of books written and produced in developed countries for higher education;

5. Recommends further that financial and technical assistance be provided to create an adequate infrastructure in the developing countries for the promotion of domestic book production;

6. Requests the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to continue its work for the promotion of paper industries, in particular in the developing countries;

7. Invites Member States and, within their respective fields of competence, the institutions and organs of the United Nations system, as well as other interested intergovernmental organizations, to take appropriate steps to attain the objectives of International Book Year;

8. Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its fifty-sixth session, a report on the results achieved as a result of International Book Year and particularly on the ways in which these results can contribute to the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade.²⁹

1769th plenary meeting,
20 May 1971.

1576 (L). United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Protocol on Psychotropic Substances

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries for the adoption of a protocol on psychotropic substances,³⁰

Expressing its deep satisfaction that the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Protocol on Psychotropic Substances, held at Vienna from 11 January to 21 February 1971, adopted and opened for signature the Convention on Psychotropic Substances,³¹

Believing that the Convention constitutes an essential contribution towards effective control of psychotropic substances and restriction of their use to medical and scientific purposes,

1. Invites States to give urgent consideration to becoming parties to the Convention on Psychotropic Substances;

2. Endorses strongly the invitation of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Protocol on Psychotropic Substances to States, to the extent that they are able to do so, to apply provisionally the measures of control provided in the Convention pending its entry into force for each of them;³²

3. Accepts the functions assigned by the Convention to the United Nations in regard to its execution.

1769th plenary meeting,
20 May 1971.

1577 (L). Convening of a plenipotentiary conference to amend the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that amendments have been proposed to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,³³

Bearing in mind article 47 of that Convention,

Taking into consideration the Convention on Psychotropic Substances adopted at Vienna on 21 February 1971,³⁴ and seeking to assure the effectiveness of control of both natural and synthetic drugs.

1. Decides to call, in accordance with Article 62, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, a conference of plenipotentiaries to consider all amendments proposed to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To convene such a conference as early as feasible in 1972;

(b) To invite to the conference:

(i) Parties to the Single Convention;

(ii) Other States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency or parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice;

(iii) The World Health Organization and other interested specialized agencies, with the same rights as they have at sessions of the Economic and Social Council;

(iv) The International Narcotics Control Board, with the same rights as it has at sessions of the Economic and Social Council;

(v) The International Criminal Police Organization, with the same rights as it has at sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

²⁷ United Nations Treaty Series, vol. 331 (1959), No. 4757.

²⁸ United Nations Treaty Series, vol. 216 (1955), No. 2937.

²⁹ See General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

³⁰ Resolution 1474 (XLVIII).

³¹ See E/4966.

³² *Ibid.*, resolution I.

³³ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 62.XI.1.

³⁴ See E/4966.