

(c) To prepare provisional rules of procedure for the conference;

(d) To provide summary records for the conference and its committees;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to study at its twenty-fourth session proposals for amendments to the Single Convention, taking into consideration the need to ensure the effectiveness of control of both natural and synthetic drugs, with a view to submitting comments as appropriate to the Conference; these comments would be fully taken into account by the Conference.

*1769th plenary meeting,
20 May 1971.*

1578 (L). Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board on its work in 1970;³⁵

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the Board for their valuable contribution during that year.

*1769th plenary meeting,
20 May 1971.*

1581 (L). The World social situation

A

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the 1970 Report on the World Social Situation,³⁶

Recalling that under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations it is essential to promote social progress and better standards of life,

Recalling also the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,³⁷ particularly article 18 (b), which recommends the promotion of democratically based social and institutional reforms and motivation for change basic to the elimination of all forms of discrimination and exploitation,

Considering that the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade³⁸ calls for qualitative and structural changes in society,

Noting its resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, which emphasized, *inter alia*, the significance of adequate structural social and economic changes for the achievement of social progress,

Bearing in mind that the achievement of genuine social progress, including in particular the solution of the problem of employment and the establishment of an adequate standard of living for everyone, and cultural, scientific and educational development require efforts for the attainment of profound economic and social changes in the countries which set these objectives,

³⁵ E/INCB/9 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.XI.2).

³⁶ E/CN.5/456, Add.1 and Corr.1, Add.2-4, Add.5 and Corr.1, Add.6-7, Add.8 and Corr.1 and Add.9-16 (being issued as a United Nations publication under symbol ST/SOA/110).

³⁷ See General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

³⁸ See General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

Considering also that a number of countries have already acquired considerable experience in the application of measures of this kind,

1. *Considers it appropriate* to study the experience of the various countries of the world in this field;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with this end in view and drawing on relevant work done in this field, to forward to States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies a questionnaire on their experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for purposes of social progress;

3. *Decides* to consider this question, if possible at its fifty-second session, but not later than at its fifty-third session.

*1771st plenary meeting,
21 May 1971.*

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The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the 1970 Report on the World Social Situation,³⁶

Recalling that under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations all Member States are pledged to promote social progress and better standards of life,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 on the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 2436 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 on the world social situation and 2681 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on a unified approach to economic and social planning in national development, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1494 (XLVIII) of 26 May 1970 on social policy and planning in national development,

Bearing in mind the goals and objectives embodied in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,³⁸

Regretting that, despite limited improvement in some sectors, there has been continued deterioration of the world social situation, particularly that arising from growing disparities among the developed and developing countries and within countries,

Reaffirming that progress towards general and complete disarmament should release substantial additional resources which could be utilized for the purpose of economic and social development, in particular that of the developing countries,

Emphasizing the need for the opportunities offered by science and technology to be equitably shared by developed and developing countries,

Re-emphasizing that the primary responsibility for the development of developing countries rests upon themselves, but that, however great their own efforts, these will not be sufficient to enable them to achieve the desired development goals as expeditiously as they must unless they are assisted through increased financial resources and more favourable economic and commercial policies on the part of the developed countries,

Calling renewed attention to the interdependence of economic and social development, and to the consequent need for an integrated approach to planning and development,

Recognizing the desirability for countries which consider that their rate of population growth hampers their development to adopt measures they deem