

fifty-sixth session, at which it is to consider, among other things, the continuation of the Group,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>1</sup> containing his comments and recommendations on the report of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group on Youth, and decides to request the Secretary-General to transmit it to Member States and interested international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for their suggestions or comments;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate the report of the first meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group, with his own comments and recommendations, to the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Population Commission for their consideration, taking into account the discussions in the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session;

3. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to take into consideration the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group and of the Secretary-General when examining the item on youth in connexion with General Assembly resolution 3140 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate consultations on principal youth research and information centres at the national and regional levels and on the feasibility of establishing a co-operative arrangement among these centres for sharing experience in matters regarding the needs and aspirations of young people, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session on the results of these consultations and his recommendations for further action;

5. *Recommends* to the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women that international and regional meetings on specific issues and action programmes related to youth, especially on the participation of youth in the life of society, should be organized by the United Nations and that youth participation at such meetings should be assured;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to consider the feasibility of voluntary contributions to assist in the support of United Nations youth programmes and to submit his views thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session;

7. *Approves* the recommendation of the Secretary-General to convene two additional meetings of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group on Youth, in 1974 and in 1975, in order to study further the problems mentioned in General Assembly resolution 3022 (XXVII) and in the report of the Secretary-General.

*1896th plenary meeting  
15 May 1974*

#### **1843 (LVI). 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 1973,<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> E/5427.

<sup>2</sup> E/INCB/21 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.74.XI.2).

*Recalling* its resolution 1779 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the International Narcotics Control Board, particularly those members whose terms of office expire during 1974, for their distinguished service in international drug control;

2. *Commends* the Board for its comprehensive and valuable report on its work in 1973;

3. *Recommends* that report to the urgent and serious attention of all Member States.

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#### **1844 (LVI). Abuse of customs transit systems by drug smugglers**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* articles 18 and 35 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>3</sup> and article 21 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances,<sup>4</sup> of 1971,

*Noting* that illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in many areas of the world remains serious in terms of volume and areas involved,

*Expressing its satisfaction* that efforts are being made by Governments, internally, bilaterally, regionally and multilaterally, to detect and suppress illicit traffic and to apprehend and punish traffickers,

*Noting with approval* the resolution adopted by the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe,<sup>5</sup> which calls for urgent attention by Governments to the problems of the abuse of customs transit systems by drug smugglers,

*Emphasizing* the importance of Governments co-operating with one another, bilaterally, regionally and multilaterally, to ensure the most prompt and full exchange of information concerning illicit drug traffic,

1. *Recommends* that Governments give urgent attention to the problem of abuse of customs transit systems by drug smugglers;

2. *Recommends* that Governments ensure the most expeditious and full exchange of information, bilaterally, regionally and with the International Criminal Police Organization, concerning investigations and control;

3. *Reminds* Governments, in particular, of their obligation to communicate to the Secretary-General promptly information concerning cases of illicit traffic which are of international significance and, in this connexion, to specify full particulars relating to seizures, including modes of transit and the customs transit systems used;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate the present resolution to Governments for their urgent consideration and appropriate action.

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<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

<sup>4</sup> E/CONF.58/6 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>5</sup> ECE/TRANS/8, annex 1, resolution No. 220.