

Recalling that cannabis and cannabis resin, in addition to being listed in schedule I of that Convention, are also included in its schedule IV,

Reaffirming that, in view of the numerous findings of scientific research on cannabis, there can be no doubt as to the harmful nature of cannabis,

Noting with concern the recent increased availability in many parts of the world of new concentrated forms of cannabis, such as the so-called "liquid cannabis", "liquid hashish" or "oil of cannabis",

Considering that cannabis and drugs derived from cannabis have lost their original medical role and are the most frequently abused drugs, and that this fact requires joint action by all countries parties to the international conventions on narcotic drugs,

Realizing that a reduced control regarding cannabis and drugs derived from cannabis in one area might create an important source of supply of, and illicit traffic in, the same substances in other areas,

1. *Recommends* to all countries and competent international organs and organizations not to lose momentum in taking appropriate measures against cannabis abuse, the supply of cannabis and cannabis resin and, in particular, the illegal trade and traffic in cannabis and drugs derived from cannabis, in order not to endanger the success of global and regional efforts in this field;

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the desirability of taking all practicable measures for the treatment, rehabilitation and education of abusers of cannabis;

3. *Urges* that scientific research in relation to cannabis should be continued and accelerated;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform all Governments of the present resolution, inviting them to take action for its effective implementation in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961.

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1934 (LVIII). Measures to reduce illicit demand for drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling article 38 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁸¹ and World Health Assembly resolutions WHA23.42 of 21 May 1970, WHA24.57 of 20 May 1971, WHA25.62 of 26 May 1972 and WHA26.52 of 22 May 1973 relating to the treatment of drug addicts,

Convinced that measures to reduce the illicit supply of drugs cannot be effective in the long run unless measures are also taken concurrently to reduce the illicit demand for drugs,

Recognizing the humanitarian necessity of helping victims of drug abuse by their treatment as a first step, followed by their rehabilitation into society,

1. *Recommends* that Governments take all appropriate measures to prevent drug abuse as well as to provide treatment facilities for addicts;

⁸¹ *Ibid.*

2. *Requests* that the World Health Organization, with the aid of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and other appropriate sources, assist Governments financially or technically, within the limits of available resources, according to their requests, to apply treatment and rehabilitation measures;

3. *Further recommends* that Governments incorporate measures for the prevention and treatment of drug abuse into their integrated public health programmes;

4. *Recommends* that the appropriate international bodies promote world-wide exchange of information and expertise on prevention and treatment and on research in these fields;

5. *Further recommends* that, in view of the need for new methods of prevention and treatment and the need for additional knowledge concerning the processes of prevention and treatment, Governments pursue further research in these fields.

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1935 (LVIII). Co-ordination of activities of international organs and organizations in the struggle against the abuse of drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1777 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

Convinced that the increasing multidisciplinary action taken by Governments and international organs and organizations calls for continuous co-ordination of all these commendable efforts in the struggle against the abuse of drugs,

Recognizing with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on this subject⁸² and his attempts to find solutions,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts for the best possible co-ordination in this field and to report again on the subject;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to inform all Governments and all international organs and organizations concerned of the present resolution, with the invitation to assist him in his co-ordination efforts to the fullest extent possible, so as to achieve the maximum results and to avoid the overlapping and duplication of efforts.

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1936 (LVIII). Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its twenty-sixth session.⁸³

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⁸² E/CN.7/570/Add.1.

⁸³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5639).*