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INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1982, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "International campaign against traffic in drugs: report of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Committee considered this item jointly with item 12 at its 57th, 58th, 62nd to 66th and 68th to 72nd meetings, on 29 and 30 November and 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 December 1982. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.3/37/SR.57, 58, 62-66, 68 and 72).
3. The Committee had before it the following documentation:
 - (a) International campaign against traffic in drugs: report of the Secretary-General (A/37/530);
 - (b) Letter dated 14 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/292);
 - (c) Letter dated 25 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Communiqué of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting, held at Suva from 14 to 18 October 1982 (A/37/586-S/15472).
4. At the 57th meeting, on 29 November, the Director of the Centre for Human Rights and the Director of the Division of Narcotic Drugs made introductory statements.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/37/L.78

5. At the 66th meeting, on 7 December, the representative of the Bahamas introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.78) entitled "International campaign against traffic in drugs", sponsored by the Bahamas, Egypt, Grenada, Jamaica, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago, later joined by Australia, Costa Rica, Nigeria, Singapore and Thailand.
6. At the 72nd meeting, on 9 December, the representative of the Bahamas, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution by inserting the words "continue to" before the words "grant technical and other forms of assistance".
7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

8. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International campaign against traffic in drugs

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/132 of 14 December 1981, in which it recognized the need, within the context of the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy, 1/ for an effective international campaign against traffic in drugs and 36/168 of 16 December 1981, in which it adopted the Strategy and the basic five-year programme of action; 1/

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/9 and 1982/8 of 30 April 1982,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

Reaffirming the need to improve regional and interregional co-operation and co-ordination, particularly in the law enforcement field, to eradicate illicit traffic,

Acknowledging that many countries, including developing countries, continue to divert substantial human, financial and other resources to control international drug trafficking,

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 4 (E/1981/24), annex II.

2/ A/37/530.

Recognizing, in particular, the dilemma of transit States, which have no control over the production of and demand for illicit narcotics, yet are seriously affected both at the domestic and international levels by the movement of illicit drugs,

Noting the significant role of the international drug control treaties in the development of effective countermeasures in combating the illicit supply, demand and traffic in drugs,

Considering the important role of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in the implementation of various drug control programmes, particularly in developing countries, and the necessity of increasing contributions to the fund to permit it to continue its most valuable work,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. Calls upon Member States that have not yet already done so to ratify the international drug control treaties and, until such time, to endeavour to abide by their provisions;
3. Encourages Member States to contribute, or to continue to contribute, to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to enable it to pursue its useful programmes in the field of drug abuse control;
4. Urges organizations and programmes within the United Nations system, as well as Member States with available resources and expertise, to continue to grant technical and other forms of assistance, especially in the area of training of law enforcement professionals, to countries most affected by the illicit production and traffic in drugs and drug abuse;
5. Requests the Secretary-General, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to explore all avenues leading to further improving regional and international co-ordination of activities against drug trafficking and drug abuse and, in particular:
 - (a) To explore the feasibility of establishing, on a continuing basis, co-ordination mechanisms for drug law enforcement in regions where these do not exist;
 - (b) To give adequate priority to measures designed to alleviate the special problems of transit States;
 - (c) To consider convening in 1986 an interregional meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to devote a special issue of the Bulletin on Narcotic Drugs, published by the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat, to an analysis of the campaign against drug trafficking;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report for review by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Decides to include in the agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "International campaign against traffic in drugs".
