

(f) The development of a methodology for the collection and analysis of data on illicit trafficking;

(g) The establishment of mechanisms for the speedy and secure exchange of information between drug law enforcement authorities locally, nationally and across common borders, and the provision of appropriate communications equipment where needed;

(h) The improvement of co-ordination among all agencies concerned with regard to the scope, content and scheduling of seminars and other training programmes, in order to enhance their effectiveness;

6. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, as well as the International Criminal Police Organization and the Customs Co-Operation Council, to support, whenever possible, the efforts and initiatives undertaken by Governments as recommended in the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations concerned for consideration and implementation, as appropriate.

*13th plenary meeting
25 May 1988*

1988/14. Enlargement of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1775 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, by which it authorized the establishment of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East,

Taking note of the report of the Sub-Commission on its twenty-third session,²⁹ particularly paragraph 8 thereof,

Noting the interest expressed at the tenth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs by three States from the geographic area of the Sub-Commission in participating actively in the deliberations of the Sub-Commission,

Welcoming all forms of international co-operation at the regional level that tend to reinforce co-ordination of the fight against the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

1. *Decides* that the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East shall continue to meet annually at a capital in the region, whenever possible, and at the United Nations Office at Vienna prior to regular or special sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

2. *Welcomes and authorizes* the enlargement of the Sub-Commission;

3. *Endorses* the membership of Egypt, India and Jordan in the Sub-Commission;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, at his discretion, to invite States outside the region that request observer status and that are actively involved in countering the illicit drug traffic in, through or from the region to send observers to the meetings of the Sub-Commission, on the understanding that the expenses would be borne by the States concerned.

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25 May 1988*

1988/15. Meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies: Asia and the Pacific, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1845 (LVI) of 15 May 1974, in which it requested the Secretary-General to convene regular meetings of the heads of national drug law enforcement agencies of the countries in the Asia and Pacific region, its resolution 1985/11 of 28 May 1985, in which it requested the Secretary-General to convene regular meetings of the heads of the national drug control and law enforcement agencies of States in the African region, and its resolution 1987/34 of 26 May 1987, in which it invited Governments of Latin American and Caribbean countries to participate in a regional meeting, with a view to establishing regular meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies in that region,

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in its resolution 37/198 of 18 December 1982, requested the Secretary-General to explore the feasibility of establishing, on a continuing basis, co-ordination mechanisms for drug law enforcement in regions where they did not exist,

Noting that these regional meetings have been granted the status of subsidiary organs of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to which they report,

Bearing in mind that three regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies were successfully convened in 1987,

Recognizing the valuable contribution that these meetings have made, and can continue to make, to international co-operation and co-ordination, on a regional and interregional basis, in the field of drug law enforcement and other areas of international drug control,

1. *Confirms*, in the light of the terminology used at the First Interregional Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, held at Vienna from 28 July to 1 August 1986, that each of the three regional meetings should in future be designated "Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies", followed by an indication of the region;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to convene these three regional meetings at the capitals of States in the respective

²⁹ E/CN.7/1988/13.