

Noting with concern the apprehension of the International Narcotics Control Board that a return to over-production is likely and that the possibility of an increase in the already excessive stocks cannot be excluded,

Further noting with concern that the traditional supplier countries continue to hold large accumulated stocks of opiate raw materials which constitute heavy financial and other burdens for them,

Bearing in mind the urgent need to liquidate the accumulated stocks held by the traditional supplier countries with a view to achieving a lasting world-wide balance between demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific purposes,

Taking into account paragraph 55 of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1983,

1. *Urges* the Governments of those countries that have not already done so to take urgent and effective steps to implement the above-mentioned resolutions;

2. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board to devise and take, in accordance with the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,³⁶ appropriate measures with a view to promoting and monitoring the urgent implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions;

3. *Further requests* the International Narcotics Control Board, in consultation with the producing and the consuming countries and the concerned United Nations bodies, to assist in the further development of effective ways of ensuring a balance in supply and demand and of reducing excessive stocks of licit opiate raw materials, included as activity A.1 to be undertaken by the Secretary-General, during the biennium 1984-1985,³⁷ under the basic five-year programme of action of the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 36/168 of 16 December 1981;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments for their consideration and implementation.

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24 May 1984*

1984/22. The cannabis problem

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1933 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975,

Bearing in mind that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,³⁸ requires, *inter alia*, that the use and possession of all the substances listed in Schedule I should be confined exclusively to medical and scientific purposes,

Bearing in mind also that the Convention recommends, for the substances listed in Schedule IV, including cannabis and cannabis resin, application of all the special control measures which the contracting

³⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

³⁷ See E/CN.7/1984/6.

³⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

parties have deemed necessary in the light of the particularly dangerous properties of those substances,

Recognizing that knowledge concerning the harm that the use of cannabis and cannabis resin can cause to the human organism, especially to the brain, the lungs and cell structures, is considerably greater today than it was a few years ago,

Noting with great concern that the International Narcotics Control Board, in its two most recent annual reports, has emphasized that the abuse, illicit cultivation and trafficking of cannabis and cannabis resin are increasing in a majority of regions of the world.

Aware that in many regions of the world cannabis and cannabis resin obviously play an important role in the spread of drug abuse and in the illicit drug traffic, particularly among young persons,

1. *Recommends* that all Governments should combat systematically the abuse of cannabis and cannabis resin and intensify national and international efforts to fight the illicit cultivation of, and traffic in, those narcotic drugs;

2. *Recommends also* that all Governments that have not yet done so should consider all appropriate measures needed to confine the cultivation and the licit use of cannabis products to medical and scientific research, in accordance with article 2, paragraph 5 (b), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;

3. *Recommends further* that scientific research, especially long-term investigations into the effects of cannabis abuse on the human organism, should be continued and accelerated;

4. *Recommends*, in addition, that all Governments should maintain or adopt appropriate preventive measures concerning the hazardous consequences of cannabis abuse;

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

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1984/23. Review for scheduling of the amphetamine-like drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 4 (XXX) of 16 February 1983,³⁹

Noting with concern the serious health and social problems posed by amphetamine-like drugs in some countries,

Noting also with concern the growing traffic in and abuse of amphetamine-like drugs in some countries not currently subject to international control,

Aware that many of those substances have limited or no recognized therapeutic use,

³⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 5 (E/1983/15), chap. X, sect. A.*