

tries in the development, conservation and maintenance of their natural resources.

*12th plenary meeting  
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**1989/12. Co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in water, mineral and energy resources,<sup>21</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the broad range of activities proposed for the United Nations in preparation of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997,<sup>22</sup>

*Convinced* of the need to increase the effectiveness and relevance of the work of the United Nations system,

*Concerned* that the documentation relating to the co-ordination of programmes within the United Nations system in the field of natural resources, prepared for the eleventh session of the Committee on Natural Resources, was not provided sufficiently in advance of the session to allow the Committee to give guidance on the programming and implementation of activities in the United Nations system for the development of natural resources, as called for in its terms of reference,<sup>23</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee on Natural Resources at its twelfth session an updated report containing an overview of the activities of the United Nations system in water, mineral and energy resources, identifying the organizations or units within the United Nations system mandated to carry out work in those fields and assessing the extent to which the guidelines provided by the Committee have been followed;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to implement fully the measures to improve the work of the Committee identified at its tenth session,<sup>24</sup> and to submit documentation at least three months in advance of the Committee's sessions;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to identify, in the report referred to in paragraph 1 above, the existing priorities and objectives for the work of the United Nations system in the field of natural resources.

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**1989/13. Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the many resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as well as the many political declarations such as the Quito Declaration against Traffic in Narcotic Drugs of 11 August 1984,<sup>25</sup> the New York Declaration against Drug Trafficking and the Illicit Use of Drugs of 1

October 1984,<sup>26</sup> the Lima Declaration of 29 July 1985<sup>27</sup> and, in particular, the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking,<sup>28</sup> all of which called for the urgent preparation of a draft convention against illicit trafficking,

*Noting* that those resolutions and declarations led to the adoption on 19 December 1988 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances by a conference of plenipotentiaries convened by the United Nations at Vienna from 25 November to 20 December 1988,<sup>29</sup>

*Reaffirming* the importance of the Convention for improving international co-operation in this field, and noting that the Convention will add to the existing instruments for the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

*Taking into account* General Assembly resolution 43/214 of 21 December 1988 and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,<sup>30</sup> as well as resolution 3 of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,<sup>31</sup>

*Noting* the priority assigned by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-eighth session to matters relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,<sup>32</sup>

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the excellent preparation of the working document on the draft convention,<sup>33</sup> which was circulated to States for consideration at the conference of plenipotentiaries;

2. *Expresses its thanks* to States that participated in the development and adoption of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;<sup>29</sup>

3. *Urges* States to proceed with the signing and ratification of the Convention, so that it may enter into force as early as possible;

4. *Also urges* States to take the requisite legislative and administrative measures and to devote the necessary resources at the national level so that the Convention may be implemented effectively;

5. *Invites* States, to the extent that they are able to do so, to apply provisionally the measures set out in the Convention pending its entry into force for each of them;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to modify the section of the annual reports questionnaire regarding the implementation of international treaties so that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its regular and

<sup>26</sup>A/39/551 and Corr.1 and 2, annex.

<sup>27</sup>A/40/544, annex.

<sup>28</sup>See *Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.1.18), chap. I.

<sup>29</sup>E/CONF.82/15 and Corr.2.

<sup>30</sup>ST/SGB/PPBME/Rules/1 (1987); see also the amendments endorsed by the General Assembly (see resolution 42/215) on the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination contained in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/42/16)*, part two, para. 74.

<sup>31</sup>See E/CONF.82/14.

<sup>32</sup>See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/43/16)*.

<sup>33</sup>See E/CONF.82/3 and Corr.1 and 3.

<sup>21</sup>E/C.7/1989/9.

<sup>22</sup>See E/C.7/1989/CRP.1.

<sup>23</sup>See resolution 1535 (XLIX).

<sup>24</sup>*Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 8 (E/1987/21)*, chap. I, sect. C, decision 10/4.

<sup>25</sup>A/39/407, annex.

special sessions, may review the steps that States have taken to ratify, accept, approve or formally confirm the Convention:

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide assistance to States, at their request, to enable them to establish the legislative and administrative measures necessary for the application of the Convention;

8. *Urges* all Member States to take appropriate steps in the General Assembly and its financial organs to assign the appropriate priority and approve the budgetary appropriations necessary to enable the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board to carry out their additional responsibilities under the Convention;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General to identify the financial, technical and human resources required by those bodies to carry out their additional responsibilities under the Convention and, within existing resources, to make every effort to assign the necessary resources to the drug control units for the biennium 1990-1991.

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#### **1989/14. Intensification and co-ordination of measures for reduction of the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987, welcomed the successful conclusion of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, in particular, the adoption of the Declaration<sup>28</sup> and the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control,<sup>28</sup>

*Noting* that the General Assembly, in the same resolution, requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control, to identify suitable measures for follow-up to the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking,

*Seriously concerned* at the increasing availability of illicit drugs and the world-wide upward trend in drug abuse, which is causing widespread human suffering, loss of life and social disruption,

*Recognizing* that measures of prevention, public awareness, early intervention, treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration are essential factors in curbing drug abuse,

*Recalling* that, by its resolution 1988/16 of 25 May 1988, it urged Governments to improve measures for demand reduction.

*Noting* that article 14 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, adopted on 19 December 1988 at Vienna,<sup>29</sup> requires parties to adopt measures aimed at eliminating or reducing illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

*Acknowledging* that the specialized agencies concerned with demand reduction initiatives have responded positively to General Assembly resolution 38/93 of 16 December 1983 and the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking<sup>28</sup> in intensifying their drug control activities,

*Recognizing* the important role that international non-governmental organizations play in all aspects of demand reduction,<sup>34</sup>

*Mindful* of the fundamental need for action at the national, regional and international levels to achieve a balanced programme of reduction of the supply of and demand for illicit drugs,

*Aware* that the achievement of this goal requires continuous attention, in-depth analysis, monitoring, co-ordination, follow-up and extensive collaboration,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs has included in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item concerning the prevention and reduction of the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,<sup>35</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to assess the level of national and international progress in implementing the seven targets set out in chapter I of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control,<sup>28</sup> adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking:

(a) To issue a succinct questionnaire, by 31 December 1989, to all Governments and regional intergovernmental organizations, requesting details of action taken at the national and regional levels in implementing the seven targets, together with details of any practical difficulties they have experienced in meeting them;

(b) To prepare, in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, a report, to be issued by 30 November 1990, analysing the information submitted and assessing, in particular, how best to provide help to States in furthering demand reduction strategies and the extent to which each of the seven targets continues to be relevant, for consideration by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-fourth session;

2. *Urges* all Governments and regional intergovernmental organizations to co-operate fully in the preparation of the above-mentioned report by providing the information requested in the questionnaire in good time;

3. *Urges* all Governments to continue to give higher priority to demand reduction in their national strategies to combat drug abuse through the necessary policy and legislative adjustments, including the allocation of appropriate resources and services for prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration;

4. *Calls upon* the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization and other appropriate intergovernmental organizations to intensify relevant activities and accord them higher priority, and to collaborate closely with international non-governmental organizations;

5. *Calls upon* international non-governmental organizations to extend and co-ordinate their activities for developing and executing demand reduction programmes through their contacts with the community at the grass-roots level, in close co-operation with the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat and appropriate United Nations organizations and

<sup>28</sup>See A/C.3/41/7 and A/C.3/42/2.

<sup>29</sup>See decision 1989/118.