

Abuse Control to continue to strengthen their co-operation and take whatever measures may be necessary to achieve the aims of the international conventions in accordance with the advice and suggestions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and in accordance with the policy directives received from the United Nations legislative bodies:

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control for the initiative and leadership that have characterized the development of the Fund:

6. *Urges Governments* to consider continuing and increasing substantially their voluntary contributions to the Fund.

*12th plenary meeting  
22 May 1989*

#### **1989/17. Special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2001 (LX) of 12 May 1976,

*Recognizing* that the complex health, legal, social and human problems associated with drug abuse require the continuous attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

*Aware* of the need for the Commission to consider urgently further measures that may be required to facilitate the entry into force of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances<sup>29</sup> or, if the Convention has entered into force in the interim, the measures required to ensure implementation of its provisions; to consider any urgent questions relating to the possible scheduling of substances under the provisions of the international drug control treaties, following receipt of recommendations to that effect from the World Health Organization; and to consider appropriate action to improve regional co-operation in drug law enforcement,

*Decides* that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall hold a special session of five working days in 1990 at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings and within existing United Nations resources, for the following purposes:

(a) To consider urgently further measures that may be required to facilitate the entry into force of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances or, if the Convention has entered into force in the interim, the measures required to ensure implementation of its provisions;

(b) To consider any urgent questions relating to the possible scheduling of substances under the provisions of the international drug control treaties, following receipt of recommendations to that effect from the World Health Organization;

(c) To consider appropriate action to improve regional co-operation in drug law enforcement;

(d) To consider the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1989, an interim report from the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, and other relevant matters requiring urgent attention.

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#### **1989/18. Allocation of appropriate resources and priority to the international drug control programme**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 43/122, of 8 December 1988, endorsed Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 4 (S-X) of 12 February 1988, considering that its implementation was essential for the adequate functioning of the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board,

*Recalling also* that, in its resolution 1987/29 of 26 May 1987, it requested the Secretary-General to give the sector of international drug control priority, as a matter of urgency, in the allocation of available United Nations resources,

*Noting* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 42/113 of 7 December 1987, requested the Secretary-General to take steps to provide, within existing resources, appropriate support for strengthening the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board, *inter alia*, through redeployment,

*Considering* that both the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking<sup>28</sup> and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,<sup>29</sup> which was adopted on 19 December 1988, have called for new activities to be undertaken by the Division of Narcotic Drugs as secretariat of the Commission and on behalf of the Secretary-General, as well as by the International Narcotics Control Board and its secretariat,

*Recalling* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, with regard to the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, that the Secretary-General, in implementing General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, in which he was requested to reduce the number of posts in the Secretariat by 15 per cent, should keep in mind the concerns expressed by Member States regarding the proposed reductions in posts in smaller offices, including those concerned with narcotic affairs,<sup>39</sup>

*Deeply concerned* that the proposed cuts envisaged for the international drug control programme would adversely affect programmes which the Commission considers to be of priority,

*Having considered* the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 for the Division of Narcotic Drugs,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations on priorities made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-third session on the various programme elements contained in the programme of work of the Division of Narcotic Drugs Secretariat for the biennium 1990-1991;<sup>40</sup>

2. *Draws to the attention* of Member States, in the light of resource reductions and in spite of the identification of priorities, the fact that without additional resources implementation of many important programme elements will be seriously impaired or prevented;

<sup>29</sup>Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session Supplement No. 16 (A/43/16), part one, para. 37.

<sup>40</sup>See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989 Supplement No. 5 (E/1989/23), chap. VIII