

COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

Provisional Agenda of the First Session to be
Held in New York on 27 November 1946, at 10:30 a.m.

Note by the Secretary-General

The attached provisional Agenda lists some of the problems with which the Commission will have to deal in the near future. It will be for the Commission, however, to make such modifications to this draft Agenda as it may consider necessary. The Commission will also have to establish the order of precedence of these problems and to decide if it desires to study all of them immediately or to postpone some of them to a later session, and give directions to the Secretariat concerning the work to be undertaken with regard to the questions so postponed.

The documents relative to the different items on the Agenda will be communicated to members of the Commission from time to time as they are completed.

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to be Held in New York on 18 November 1946

1. Opening of the Session.

The Assistant Secretary-General in Charge of Social Affairs will open the Session.

2. Consideration and Adoption of the Rules of Procedure.

The Secretariat will prepare draft rules of procedure which the Commission will be invited to examine and to adopt either on a provisional basis or as the final text.

3. Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Appointment of the Rapporteur.

The draft rules of procedure submitted to the Commission will provide for the election of a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman and the possible appointment of a Rapporteur for the Session.

4. Adoption of the Agenda.

The Commission will be asked to consider the draft agenda submitted by the Secretariat and to adopt the agenda of session.

5. Invitation to be Sent to the Permanent Central Opium Board and to the Supervisory Body Asking Them to be Represented at the Session.

Paragraph 5 of the resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 16 February 1946 says that "the Commission (on Narcotic Drugs) is authorized by the Council to appoint in a consultative capacity, and without the right to vote, representatives of bodies created under the terms of international conventions on narcotic drugs".* The Commission will be asked to take a decision regarding invitations to be sent in pursuance of that provision.

6. General Discussion on the Commission's Terms of Reference.

The resolution of the Economic and Social Council dated 16 February 1946 on the establishment of a Commission on Narcotic Drugs, supplemented by the action taken by the Council on 18 February 1946 concerning the appointment of representatives of fifteen Members of United Nations as members of the

* See Journal of the Economic and Social Council No. 12 p. 130.

Commission, defines the Commission's terms of reference and composition.*

The Commission will probably wish to have a general discussion on the scope of its terms of reference.

7. Appointment of Sub-Commissions.

Paragraph 3 of the resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 16 February 1946 says that "the Commission (on Narcotic Drugs) may make recommendations to the Council concerning any sub-commission which it considers should be established".* The Secretariat will submit a memorandum to the Commission containing suggestions concerning such sub-commissions.

In this memorandum various sub-commissions will be proposed for dealing with the following questions:

- (a) Agenda,
- (b) seizures and illicit traffic,
- (c) limitation of raw material,
- (d) Indian hemp,
- (e) list of narcotic drugs referred to in conventions,
- (f) drug addiction.

8. Consideration of the Secretariat's Report on the Present State (a) of International Control of Narcotic Drugs and (b) of the Work.

The Secretariat will submit a report to the Commission on the present position of international control of narcotic drugs and of the present state of the Commission's work. The Commission will be asked to consider this report and to make such recommendations as it may think fit in consequence.

9. Transfer to the United Nations of the Activities, Powers and Functions Previously Exercised by the League of Nations.

The Commission will be asked to note the decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly regarding the steps taken to transfer to the United Nations the activities, powers and functions formerly exercised by the League of Nations in the field of narcotic drugs.

* See Journal of the Economic and Social Council No. 12, p. 129.

10. Procedure to be Followed in Making Future Appointments to the Permanent Central Board.

On 3 October 1946 the Economic and Social Council adopted a resolution specifically inviting the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to advise the Council as to the procedure to be followed in making future appointments to the Permanent Central Boards. The Secretariat will submit to the Commission a memorandum stating the procedure followed in the past, and it will be for the Commission to advise the Economic and Social Council as to the procedure to be followed in the future.

11. The Re-establishment at its Pre-War Level of the International Control of Narcotic Drugs.

The Secretariat will submit a memorandum to the Commission containing suggestions for the re-establishment at its pre-war level of the international control of narcotic drugs.

12. Limitation of the Production of Raw Materials (Opium and Coca Leaf).

The Secretariat will prepare a memorandum concerning the present position of the work in this field, and showing the changes in the situation (supply and demand) which have taken place since the beginning of the war. The Commission will be asked to decide what action should be taken as a result of the work done in connection with this problem.

13. Abolition of Opium-Smoking in the Far East.

The Secretariat will prepare a memorandum showing the present position concerning the complete prohibition of opium-smoking and the abolition of prepared-opium monopolies in certain territories in the Far East. The Commission will be asked to study this memorandum and to make such suggestions as it may consider suitable.

14. Illicit Traffic.

The Secretariat will submit to the Commission a memorandum concerning the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs throughout the world in the years 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945 as well as in the first six months of 1946. The Commission will be asked to study this memorandum and to make recommendation.

15. Drug Addiction.

The Secretariat will submit to the Commission a memorandum on the present

position of the work concerning drug addiction in relation to the international control of narcotic drugs. The Commission will be asked to make recommendations for future work in this field.

16. Study of Measures to be Taken with a View to Bringing Under International Control Narcotic Drugs not Covered by Conventions at Present in Force.

The Secretariat will submit to the Commission a memorandum concerning new narcotic drugs which are not covered by international conventions at present in force. The Commission will be asked to study this memorandum and to make recommendations with a view to bringing these narcotic drugs within the scope of the international control of narcotic drugs.

17. Consideration of the Draft Budget for 1948.

The Secretariat will prepare a draft budget for 1948 providing for expenditure necessary to ensure the international control of narcotic drugs. The Commission will be asked to study this draft budget and to make the necessary recommendations in this connection.

18. Other Questions.

19. Date of the Next Session and Termination of the Work of the First Session.
