

of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights;⁸⁴

7. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts to continue to study the situation and to report thereon to the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council;

8. *Also requests* the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts, in discharging its mandate, to consult with the International Labour Organisation and the Special Com-

mittee against Apartheid, as well as with international and African trade union confederations;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its regular session of 1992, for consideration and action, as appropriate, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

*13th plenary meeting
31 May 1991*

RESUMED FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1991

1991/38. Terms of reference of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 45/179 of 21 December 1990, requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to consider ways and means of improving its functioning as a policy-making body and to submit its recommendations to the Council at its first regular session of 1991,

Taking into account the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fourth session,⁸⁵

Considering that the terms of reference of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as laid down in Council resolution 9 (I) of 16 February 1946, need to be adjusted and broadened in the light of the intensification of international cooperation against illicit cultivation, production, manufacture, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as against money-laundering and in the control of chemicals used in the illicit production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Considering the functions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs under the international drug control treaties,

Considering also that in its future activities the Commission should apply an integral and balanced approach to the drug problem, taking into account all its aspects,

Reaffirming that, in fulfilling its mandate, the Commission should apply the principles underlying current international cooperation in this field, in particular, shared responsibility and balanced attention to supply and demand, and taking into account the relation in a number of countries between the drug problem and development issues, as well as the need for all international activities in this field to be conducted according to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with satisfaction that the Secretary-General has taken the necessary steps to implement General Assembly resolution 45/179, in which the Assembly requested him to create the United Nations International Drug Control Programme,

Having regard to paragraph 2 (e) of Council resolution 9 (I),

1. *Calls upon* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

(a) To review the implementation of the Global Programme of Action annexed to General Assembly resolution S-17/2 of 23 February 1990, in accordance with paragraph 97 of the Global Programme of Action and Assembly resolution 45/148 of 18 December 1990;

(b) To review the development and implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control;⁸⁶

(c) To give policy guidance to the newly created United Nations International Drug Control Programme, based at Vienna, and to monitor its activities;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the appropriate administrative and substantive steps to ensure that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be able to assume those additional functions with effect from the date set for its 1992 session.

*15th plenary meeting
21 June 1991*

1991/39. Functioning of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and provisional agenda for its thirty-fifth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Having regard to its resolution 9 (I) of 16 February 1946 on the terms of reference of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recognizing the importance of the additional functions entrusted by the Council to the Commission and the heavy workload of the Commission,

Desiring to support the Commission in its efforts to fulfil its responsibilities,

Taking into account the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fourth session,⁸⁵

1. *Decides* that:

(a) The Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall henceforth meet annually for a period not exceeding eight working days;

(b) The Bureau of the Commission shall consist of five members—a chairman, three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur—and, when examining questions relating to procedure and organization of work, shall seek the advice of the chairmen of the five regional groups present at its meetings;

(c) The Commission shall establish a committee, the membership of which shall be open to all States

⁸⁴ See E/1991/41, annex.

⁸⁵ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 4 (E/1991/24).

⁸⁶ E/1990/39 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

members of the Commission, to perform such functions as the Commission requests in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work;

(d) The committee shall consider specific items on the agenda as requested by the Commission and shall submit its comments and recommendations, including draft decisions and draft resolutions, to the Commission for consideration;

(e) The committee shall meet concurrently with the annual session of the Commission for a period not exceeding four working days;

(f) The Commission shall review and, if appropriate, shall adapt the modalities for the functioning of the committee in the light of experience and in accordance with the development of the activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

(g) Annual sessions of the Commission shall be convened during the period between the third calendar week of March and the third calendar week of April;

(h) Simultaneous interpretation in all six official languages of the United Nations shall be ensured during the meetings of both the Commission and the committee;

2. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session of the Commission shall include the following items:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. General debate:
 - (a) Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme
 - (b) Examination of the world situation with respect to drug abuse, including the implementation of the Global Programme of Action on international cooperation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances:
 - (i) Measures to control and reduce illicit demand
 - (ii) Measures to control and reduce illicit trafficking
 - (iii) Measures to control and reduce illicit supply

Documentation

Report on the operational activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in 1991

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1991 (relevant parts)

Reports of the regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East

Report of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

4. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:

- (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances and consideration of notifications sent to the Secretary-General by Governments, the World Health Organization and the International Narcotics Control Board

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director

- (b) International Narcotics Control Board

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1991 (relevant parts)

- (c) Other urgent action required under the international drug control treaties

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat (as necessary)

5. Priority topics:

- (a) Promotion of coordination and cooperation at the international and regional levels

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 1 (XXXIV)⁸⁷

Reports of the regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East

- (b) Review of the functioning of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 2 (XXXIV)⁸⁷

Note by the Executive Director

6. Programme of future work and priorities

Documentation

Note by the Executive Director

7. Other matters

8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its 1992 session.

*15th plenary meeting
21 June 1991*

1991/40. Control of chemicals used in the production of cocaine, heroin and other illicit drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware that chemicals are essential to the processing of illicit drugs, that such chemicals are produced worldwide and are shipped to Latin America and that a large percentage of the chemicals are being diverted to drug cartels,

Welcoming the escalated efforts of Latin American States to restrict the import, export and production of

⁸⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 4 (E/1991/24)*, sect. XIV.A.