

2. *Urges* Governments which have not yet done so to develop ways of improving their security operations, together with officials of the commercial carriers which use their international ports and airports and to encourage those carriers to discharge their responsibility to improve employee integrity and the security of their operations;

3. *Also urges* Governments which have not yet done so to improve the capabilities of authorities at international ports and airports with a view to controlling access to cargo and commercial carriers;

4. *Requests* Governments to improve means of communication among themselves in order to permit the most rapid possible exchange of information concerning illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances by commercial carriers;

5. *Invites* the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the United Nations Secretariat, the Customs Co-operation Council, the International Criminal Police Organization and Governments to consider supporting the training of enforcement personnel in improved techniques of search and security, advising commercial carriers as well as authorities at international ports and airports on ways of improving employee integrity and the security of their operations, and implementing programmes to ensure that those security improvements are being carried out;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments for appropriate action.

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#### **1985/ 14. Promotion of preventive education and community participation against drug abuse**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* article 38, paragraph 3, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>31</sup> the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol,<sup>32</sup> and article 20, paragraph 3, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,<sup>33</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 1981/9 of 6 May 1981,

*Noting with concern* the alarming spread of drug abuse in most parts of the world and its detrimental effects on all societies and individuals, particularly young people,

*Recognizing* that the elimination of the illicit supply of and demand for drugs is the ultimate objective of the community of nations,

*Mindful* that, given the present state of knowledge in the treatment of drug addiction, a permanent cure is not always an attainable objective,

*Aware* of the urgent need to protect future generations from the scourge of drug abuse,

*Conscious* of the impact that informed public opinion will have in increasing the effectiveness of the fight against drug abuse,

*Recognizing* that information aimed solely at emphasizing the dangers of drug abuse is often of limited effectiveness in discouraging drug misuse,

1. *Urges* the Governments of countries facing problems of drug abuse, as part of a comprehensive strategy, to give priority to programmes which aim to create in the young a deep respect for their own health, fitness and

well-being and, taking into account cultural and social factors, to provide appropriate information and judicious advice for all sectors of their communities with regard to drug abuse, its effects and the ways in which members of those communities can respond;

2. *Invites* Governments to enlist, as an ongoing strategy, the participation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, youth groups, teachers and parents in carrying out preventive activities;

3. *Requests* Governments to share their experience in this field, through bilateral arrangements, the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the United Nations Secretariat, the World Health Organization, other specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their consideration and appropriate action

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#### **1985/ 15. Improvement of the control of international trade in psychotropic substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984,<sup>34</sup> especially that part concerned with trade in psychotropic substances,

*Recognizing with concern* that the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances<sup>35</sup> does not require import and export authorizations for international trade in substances listed in Schedules III and IV, thus facilitating the diversion of some of those substances into illicit channels,

*Concerned* that this lack of a treaty requirement makes it difficult for the competent authorities of both exporting and importing countries to prevent shipments of substances prohibited under article 13 of the Convention,

*Bearing in mind* that the International Narcotics Control Board needs relevant information in order to monitor effectively the international trade in substances listed in Schedules III and IV,

1. *Requests* all Governments, to the extent possible, voluntarily to extend the system of import and export authorizations provided for in article 12, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances to cover international trade in substances listed in Schedule III;

2. *Also requests* all Governments to establish, in any event, mechanisms for monitoring exports of substances listed in Schedules III and IV in order that importing countries may be alerted, in advance, of shipments that may be a cause of concern;

3. *Further requests* all Governments, to the extent possible, to voluntarily furnish information to the International Narcotics Control Board on the countries of origin of imports and the countries of destination of exports of substances listed in Schedules III and IV;

4. *Requests* all Governments which have decided to prohibit the import of substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances to notify the Secretary-General of this decision, in

<sup>31</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14151, p. 3.

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956, p. 175.

<sup>34</sup> E/INCB/84/1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XI.4).

<sup>35</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1019, No. 14956, p. 175.

accordance with article 13, paragraph 1, of the Convention;

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

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#### **1985/16. Supply of and demand for opiates for medical and scientific needs**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1979/8 of 9 May 1979, 1980/20 of 30 April 1980, 1981/6 of 6 May 1981, 1982/12 of 30 April 1982, 1983/3 of 24 May 1983 and 1984/21 of 24 May 1984, as well as Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 1 (XXIX) of 11 February 1981 entitled "Strategy and policies for drug control",<sup>36</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1984<sup>37</sup> on the demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs,

*Noting with concern* the increasing production of opiate raw materials in excess of domestic need and for export in some non-traditional supplier countries, as brought out in that report,

*Noting also 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 note* of the position set out in paragraph 58 of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board,

*Noting with appreciation* the consultations held and the steps taken by the International Narcotics Control Board to facilitate the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/21,

1. *Urges* the Governments of those countries that have not already done so to take urgent and effective steps to implement Council resolution 1984/21;

2. *Urges* the Governments of importing countries to take urgent and effective steps to support the traditional supplier countries and to give to those countries all the practical assistance they can, in order to avoid the proliferation of sources of production of opiate raw materials for export;

3. *Urges* the Governments of producing and manufacturing countries which have recently set up additional capacities for export to take urgent and effective measures to restrict their production programmes to meeting mainly their domestic requirements;

4. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board to further pursue the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions with the Governments of those countries which have not yet implemented them, and to devise such other measures as may be deemed appropriate with a view to promoting and monitoring the urgent implementation of those resolutions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts towards the expeditious implementation of project

A-1, on the reduction of excessive stocks of licit opiate raw materials, under the programme of action for the biennium 1984-1985 of the Basic Five-Year Programme of Action of the International Drug Control Strategy;<sup>38</sup>

6. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board to assist, in consultation with the producing and consuming countries and the concerned United Nations bodies, in the implementation of project A-1;

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

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#### **1985/17. Review of the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976, by which it noted the important responsibilities placed upon the Economic and Social Council by the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>39</sup> in particular those resulting from articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant, and expressed its readiness to fulfil those responsibilities,

*Recalling* its decision 1978/10 of 3 May 1978, by which it decided to establish a Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, for the purpose of assisting the Council in the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX), and determined the composition of the Working Group,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1979/43 of 11 May 1979, by which it approved the methods of work of the Working Group, and its decision 1981/158 of 8 May 1981, by which it incorporated certain changes in, and modified the methods of work of, the Working Group,

*Recalling further* its resolution 1982/33 of 6 May 1982, by which it modified the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts and decided to review the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Group at its first regular session of 1985,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other bodies established in accordance with existing international instruments in the field of human rights,<sup>40</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>41</sup>

*Decides* that:

(a) The Working Group established by Economic and Social Council decision 1978/10 and modified by Council

<sup>36</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 4* (E/1981/24), chap. XI, sect. A.

<sup>37</sup> E/INCB/84/1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XI.4).

<sup>38</sup> See E/CN.7/1984/6; see also *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 3* (E/1985/23 and Corr.1), para. 204.

<sup>39</sup> General Assembly resolution 2200 (XXI), annex.

<sup>40</sup> E/1985/17.

<sup>41</sup> E/1985/18.