

**2065 (LXII). Special attention to be devoted to African countries in preventing and combating abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* resolution II adopted by the United Nations Conference to consider amendments to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>76</sup> in which the Conference states that the fulfilment by the developing countries of their obligations under the Convention will be facilitated by adequate technical and financial assistance from the international community,

*Recognizing* that many African countries, particularly those south of the Sahara, lack the resources to enable them to fulfil their obligations under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and under the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,

*Taking note* of the efforts so far made by certain specialized bodies of the United Nations to prevent and combat drug abuse in some African countries,

*Noting* that despite these efforts the actual situation in the field with regard to drug abuse is beginning to show undeniable signs of gravity,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to ensure that the various specialized bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies shall devote special attention to the African countries, particularly those south of the Sahara, and assign to them some measure of priority in their programmes designed to combat narcotic drug abuse, particularly in such fields as epidemiological and sociological surveys, technical assistance, personnel training, regional seminars, regional co-operation, treatment, social rehabilitation and reintegration, information and education and crop replacement;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its twenty-eighth session on the measures taken or planned.

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**2066 (LXII). Co-ordination of technical and financial assistance in areas of illicit production of narcotic raw materials**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* paragraph 4 of its resolution 1559 (XLIX) of 11 November 1970,

*Recognizing* the importance of economic and social measures in the struggle against drug abuse,

*Convinced* that projects concerned with providing farmers and others dependent on the illicit cultivation of narcotic plants with alternative economic and social opportunities can make, as part of a national development programme including control measures, an important contribution to the progressive elimination of such dependence and can help to meet countries' own

<sup>76</sup> See *Official Records of the United Nations Conference to consider amendments to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.XI.7), part three, Final Act, annex.

economic and social needs, as well as the world demand for food,

*Convinced* that narcotics-related projects, including projects developed on a pilot basis and aimed at replacing such illicit cultivation of raw materials by alternative economic opportunities, if acceptable on their economic merit to the multilateral institutions, could generate supplementary assistance for national economic and social development programmes of the Governments concerned and help to meet obligations under the international drug control treaties,

1. *Urges* the Governments concerned with crop replacement projects to take into account the strong desirability of including such projects as referred to above as additional and integrated components in their development programmes when applying for technical or financial assistance or both from multilateral institutions for the realization of those projects;

2. *Invites* all Governments, the competent United Nations organs and organizations, the specialized agencies and other international or multilateral financial institutions, when considering applications for development assistance from Governments concerned in the progressive elimination of such illicit cultivation, to give special attention, to the extent feasible, to such programmes and projects;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments, to the executive heads of the United Nations bodies and agencies concerned, including the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the World Food Programme, the World Bank and other international or multilateral financial institutions engaged in development assistance.

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**2067 (LXII). Restriction of the cultivation of the poppy**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* recommendation 1 (XXVII) on restriction of the cultivation of the poppy,<sup>77</sup> adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its twenty-seventh session,

1. *Endorses* recommendation 1 (XXVII) of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to all Governments the opinions and proposals submitted during the debate on these issues at the twenty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the sixty-second session of the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Invites* Member States to submit, through the Secretary-General, comments on this issue to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its seventy-eighth session and to the International Narcotics Control Board.

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<sup>77</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5933 and Corr. 1 and 2)*, chap. XVI, sect. C.