

pecially to the participation of women in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in achieving over-all social and economic development;

"8. *Invites* those Member States which have not already done so to submit reports on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;

"9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a follow-up report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, referring especially to the participation of women in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in achieving over-all social and economic development, based on data already available and on additional contributions from Member States and relevant specialized agencies;

"10. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-fifth session, under a relevant item, the follow-up report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement."

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#### **1978/9. Submission of annual reports and communication of significant information concerning illicit drug traffic cases**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* article 18 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1954, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>33</sup> and article 16 of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,<sup>34</sup> concerning information to be furnished to the Secretary-General by the parties,

*Emphasizing* the importance for international drug control of the fullest possible and timely compliance with this obligation,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 1844 (LVI) of 15 May 1974, 1932 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975, and 2002 (LX) of 12 May 1976, as well as resolution 2 (XXVII) of 23 February 1977 of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,<sup>35</sup>

*Noting with concern* from the note by the Secretariat<sup>36</sup> that, during 1977, a large number of parties to the relevant international treaties did not furnish annual reports on the working of those treaties within their respective territories,

*Bearing in mind* that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its fourth special session, adopted a new form for annual reporting and that assistance in the completion of that form is available,

1. *Draws the attention* of parties to those Conventions to their obligation to submit to the Secretary-General, in a timely manner, complete annual reports;

2. *Reminds* parties to those Conventions also of their obligation promptly to communicate to the Secretary-General information concerning cases of illicit drug traffic which are of international significance and, in this connexion, to specify full particulars of each case of illicit traffic discovered which may be of importance because of the light thrown on the source from which

<sup>33</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XI.3.

<sup>34</sup> See *Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Protocol on Psychotropic Substances*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.XI.3), part four.

<sup>35</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.

<sup>36</sup> E/CN.7/609/Add.1.

drugs are obtained for the illicit traffic, or because of the quantities involved, or the method employed by illicit traffickers, or new trends disclosed;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate the present resolution to parties to those Conventions for their urgent attention and appropriate action.

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#### **1978/10. Report of the International Narcotics Control Board**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1977,<sup>37</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* the Board's assessment that there has been a further increase in practical co-operation, both regionally and bilaterally, as well as interregionally and internationally, among countries confronted with similar drug control problems, and between countries and the competent international organs and organizations,

*Endorsing* the Board's view that the suppression of the illicit traffic, the eradication of illegal supply and the containing and reduction of demand must be pursued in parallel, at both the national and international levels,

1. *Urges* Governments to continue to co-operate with the International Narcotics Control Board to enable the Board fully and effectively to carry out its mandate under the relevant treaties;

2. *Requests* Governments to bring the report of the Board for 1977 to the attention of the competent authorities in their administrations for remedial action where recommended;

3. *Supports* the Board's appeal to States to improve their reporting machinery, with the assistance of the Board, so that they may provide full and prompt information to the Board, thereby enabling it to perform effectively its functions under the relevant treaties;

4. *Urges* greater efforts to eradicate illicit or uncontrolled opium poppy cultivation, so as further to ensure a continued equilibrium between licit supply and licit demand by avoiding unforeseen imbalances caused by the unexpected availability of confiscated opium.

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#### **1978/11. World requirements of opiates for medical and scientific purposes**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 2067 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 as well as recommendation 1 (XXVII) of 24 February 1977 of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,<sup>38</sup>

*Having considered* the part of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1977 dealing with the supply of raw materials for the licit manufacture of opiates,<sup>39</sup>

*Noting* the Board's assessment that data made available in 1977 indicate that there is currently over-production of raw materials for the licit manufacture of opiates,

<sup>37</sup> E/INCB/37 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.XI.2).

<sup>38</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.

<sup>39</sup> E/INCB/37 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.XI.2), paras. 121-133.

*Convinced* that successful co-operation between the countries concerned and the Board with a view to preventing over-supply is possible within the framework of the existing conventions and treaties, on a voluntary basis and bearing in mind the traditional sources of supply under properly controlled conditions,

*Aware* of the serious adverse consequences of over-supply which might result in economic dislocations for the traditional producers and potential danger for international control efforts,

*Reaffirming* the collective responsibility of the international community to regulate and limit the cultivation, production, manufacture and use of drugs to quantities required for medical and scientific purposes,

*Bearing in mind* that the sale of seized narcotics by Governments, except in extraordinary circumstances when world-wide supplies prove inadequate to meet requirements of opiates for medical and scientific purposes, can have the effect both of contributing to the world-wide over-supply of narcotics and of creating dislocations in the international market price for these materials,

*Aware* that the sale of these seized narcotics as a regular practice by Governments, although not in contravention of the international treaties, may circumvent the intention of those treaties,

1. *Calls attention* to the recommendation of the International Narcotics Control Board that countries producing raw materials for the licit manufacture of opiates should pay the closest attention to the current over-production of such raw materials when determining their future production plans;

2. *Calls upon* the Board to take effective measures to co-ordinate the voluntary co-operation of the Governments concerned and to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs the results achieved in balancing supply and demand;

3. *Calls upon* Governments to give careful consideration to the implications of regular sales of seized narcotics for the control efforts of the international community, particularly in the current situation of over-production of the raw materials.

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#### **1978/12. Long-term projections for legal opiate supply and demand**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2067 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 and the material furnished by Governments in response thereto,<sup>40</sup>

*Noting* that, in recent years, the International Narcotics Control Board has made studies designed to enable it to evaluate the current world-wide requirements of opiates for medical and scientific purposes and the position in regard to their supply,

*Recognizing* that a careful balance between supply of and demand for licit opiates is important in establishing adequate international control,

*Noting with satisfaction* that Governments of countries producing poppy straw have voluntarily reported the quantities produced, thus making possible total estimates of opiate production for the international trade,

*Believing* that more detailed and longer-range studies and projections would enable the Governments con-

cerned with the production of narcotic raw materials to establish their production plans to meet world-wide requirements while avoiding over-supply,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Board is planning to consult informally with the Governments concerned to determine the best means for proceeding with such studies and projections,

1. *Invites* Governments to co-operate fully with the International Narcotics Control Board and to supply such information as may be necessary to enable it to make meaningful long-range studies and projections designed to promote the maintenance of a world-wide balance between the supply of narcotic raw materials and the requirements of opiates for medical and scientific purposes;

2. *Expresses the hope* that countries producing poppy straw for export will continue reporting voluntarily on production levels.

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#### **1978/13. Sustained contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having regard* to the resolution adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its second special session, on 2 October 1970,<sup>41</sup> by which the Commission recommended that the Economic and Social Council should invite the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and urged Governments in a position to do so to contribute to that Fund,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3278 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, appealing to Governments for generous and sustained contributions to the Fund,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3446 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, endorsing Council resolution 1937 (LVIII) of 9 May 1975, by which the Council appealed to Governments for generous and sustained contributions to the Fund and requested the Secretary-General to communicate this renewed appeal to Governments,

*Noting with concern* the growing threat caused by the spread of drug abuse in many parts of the world,

*Bearing in mind* the results thus far achieved through the Fund,

1. *Recognizes* that sustained and generous support of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control continues to be necessary if the Fund is to give adequate support to projects for the reduction of illicit supplies and demand, and to the strengthening of control measures and associated research, pursuant to the policy guidance of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

2. *Recommends* that Governments should contribute to the general resources of the Fund on an annual basis wherever possible;

3. *Requests* Governments in a position to do so to make additional contributions to the Fund from development aid funds for the execution of projects which have the dual purpose of replacing illicit narcotics production and promoting socio-economic development;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments.

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<sup>40</sup> See E/CN.7/607 and Add.1-4.

<sup>41</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/4931), chap. V.*