

or, where appropriate, to accede to the South American Agreement on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;

2. *Urges* Governments which are in a position to do so to support the initiatives of States parties to the Agreement for setting in motion the machinery therein agreed upon;

3. *Further urges* the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control to support national and regional projects formulated in application of the Agreement.

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1979/8. Maintenance of a world-wide balance between the supply of narcotic drugs and the legitimate demand for those drugs for medical and scientific purposes

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, relevant to limiting the cultivation, production, manufacture and use of narcotic drugs to an amount required for medical and scientific purposes,

Noting that in recent years there has been a considerable increase in morphine producing capacity for export, leading to a situation of substantial over-production of opiates,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1978 on world requirements and supply of narcotic drugs for medical use,¹³

Noting with serious concern the Board's assessment that, unless there is a large and unforeseen increase in demand between 1978 and 1982, morphine manufacturing capacity will be, on average, 50 per cent greater than requirements,

Recognizing that it is essential to bring about the proper balance between global supply and demand,

Taking note of the continued reliance placed by the world community on countries constituting the traditional sources of supply for its medical needs of opiate raw materials and the positive response of those countries in meeting the world requirements and their contribution to the maintenance of effective control systems,

Bearing in mind that the treaties establishing those systems are based on the concept that the number of producers of narcotic materials for export should be limited in order to facilitate effective control,

1. *Calls upon* importing countries, in so far as their constitutions and legal authority permit, to support the traditional supply countries and give all possible practical assistance in preventing the proliferation of producing and manufacturing sources for export;

2. *Urges* the Governments of major producing countries which have set up additional capacities in recent years to take effective measures to restrict their production programmes so as to restore a lasting balance between supply and demand and to prevent drug diversion to illicit channels;

¹³ E/INCB/41 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.XI.2), paras. 8-48.

3. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board to continue its efforts to make realistic projections of supply and demand in opiates and to continue its dialogue with the Governments concerned to ensure that the provisions of the relevant Conventions are strictly adhered to by the producing, manufacturing, exporting and importing countries;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution to all Governments for their consideration and appropriate action.

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1979/9. Co-ordination in the field of drug abuse control

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolutions 32/124, 32/125 and 32/126 of 16 December 1977, as well as earlier resolutions of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, in which they, *inter alia*, called for the active participation of multilateral financing institutions, of the specialized agencies and of other international organs and organizations in the fight against drug abuse,

Reaffirming the necessity for efficient co-operation and co-ordination in this essentially multisectoral activity,

Noting that the Inter-Agency Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse Control has been abolished as a result of General Assembly resolution 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

Recognizing the need to have clearly defined areas of responsibility for each of the United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies and, if possible, to achieve strong central co-ordination, avoiding duplication and overlapping,

1. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to consider the possibility of holding, within its regular sessions, a substantive meeting on drug abuse control, in order to ensure appropriate support for the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 32/124, 32/125 and 32/126 and to arrange for further in-depth consultations between operational staff of the bodies and specialized agencies directly concerned within the framework of the new structures envisaged for the subsidiary machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the maximum practical degree of co-ordination of international efforts in the field of drug abuse control, taking into consideration the assignment of specific responsibilities entrusted to United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies under the treaties and the maintenance of the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board.

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1979/10. Non-use of the funds of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control for the transfer to Vienna

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware that the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the secretariats of the International Narcotics Control