

League of Arab States at the Tenth Arab Summit Conference, held at Tunis from 20 to 22 November 1979,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his report;³⁵
2. *Appeals* to all Governments to contribute to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon;
3. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes within the United Nations system which are in a position to help in this field to do so;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to render support and assistance which can be mobilized within the United Nations system to help the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development plans;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the steps taken to implement the present resolution.

*16th plenary meeting
29 April 1980*

1980/16. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

The Economic and Social Council,

Convinced of the need for international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, intellectual or humanitarian nature and in developing or encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,³⁷ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination³⁸ and the International Covenants on Human Rights,³⁹

Mindful of the contribution made by migrant workers to the economic growth and the social and cultural development of host countries,

Mindful also of the efforts which must still be made in order to protect the rights and improve the living conditions of all migrant workers and their families,

Recalling that the family is the natural, basic element of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State and that, in that context, the families of migrant workers are entitled to the same protection as migrant workers themselves,

Recalling its resolution 1979/13 of 9 May 1979,

Considering General Assembly resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, which refers to the elaboration of an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers,⁴⁰

Having taken note also of the concerns expressed by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-eighth session in its resolution 1 (XXVIII), of 5 March

³⁷ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

³⁸ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

³⁹ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁴⁰ E/1980/16.

1980, on the welfare of female migrant workers and the wives of migrant workers,⁴¹

Concerned at the fact that the Commission on Human Rights was unable to consider at its thirty-sixth session the item relating to migrant workers,

1. *Notes* that, despite the efforts made by the Governments of some host countries and by some international organizations, a considerable number of migrant workers continue to be denied the enjoyment of their basic rights;

2. *Duly notes* the decision by the General Assembly, in paragraph 3 of its resolution 34/172, to create at its thirty-fifth session a working group open to all Member States to elaborate an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families;

3. *Invites* the international organizations concerned to participate in the deliberations of the working group and to co-operate with a view to elaborating such a convention;

4. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirty-seventh session, to devote all the time required to the implementation of paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1979/13;

5. *Invites also* the Governments of host countries to ensure the protection of the families of migrant workers;

6. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1981 the item entitled "Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers", to follow the progress of work relating to the elaboration by the General Assembly of the above-mentioned international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families, and to make further recommendations to the working group on the convention in the light of the conclusions concerning the subject which the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission for Social Development will submit in their reports on their thirty-seventh and twenty-seventh sessions, respectively, to the Economic and Social Council.

*18th plenary meeting
30 April 1980*

1980/17. Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1979

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board⁴² on the work it undertook in 1979 to carry out its treaty responsibilities,

Noting with deep concern the conclusion of the Board, that, despite the efforts made by the international community to date, the increased awareness on the part of the international community of the drug problem in all its aspects and the improvements that have been made in some countries, drug abuse in many countries, both developing and developed, has reached pandemic proportions and the situation has continued to deteriorate and to endanger even children,

Noting also the comments and suggestions made by the Board concerning specific problems which, in its opinion, merit urgent attention and appropriate action

⁴¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 5 (E. 1980/15), chap. I, sect. C.*

⁴² E/INCB/47 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.XI.2).

by the international community, particularly by certain countries and regions,

Bearing in mind the observation of the Board that the non-medical use of psychotropic substances manufactured clandestinely and diverted from licit manufacture or not yet under effective control poses an increasingly serious problem and that developing countries are at high risk, especially because their administrative resources do not always permit adequate control of the importation and medical use of those substances,

Noting with concern that, despite the co-operation of the Governments directly concerned, and particularly those of countries which produce raw materials for opiates, the Board estimated that there remains a substantial excess of production over requirements of such drugs for medical and scientific purposes,

1. *Commends* the International Narcotics Control Board for its work in 1979 and expresses appreciation to its members, especially those whose terms of office expire during 1980, for their valuable service in international drug control;

2. *Appeals* to the international community to renew its dedication to drug abuse control and to launch an intensified and co-ordinated attack against illicit drug production, trafficking and abuse;

3. *Invites* Governments, in particular those mentioned in the report of the International Narcotics Control Board,⁴² to consider urgently the comments and conclusions contained therein, with a view to taking appropriate action;

4. *Urges* the International Narcotics Control Board to intensify its diplomatic dialogues with Governments, especially with those of countries identified in its report as current sources of uncontrolled and illicit drug production, transit countries and countries in which drug abuse is prevalent, with a view to supporting the efforts made by Governments to attain the aims of the international drug control conventions;

5. *Appeals* to Governments, particularly those of countries which manufacture and export psychotropic substances, to strengthen their national controls over those substances and to collaborate fully in efforts at international control by becoming parties to the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971,⁴³ and by providing, whether parties or not, the information required by the Convention;

6. *Recommends* that requests from developing countries for assistance to enable them to establish or improve their drug control administration should be given a prompt and favourable response by the international community and reminds developing countries that, once they become parties to the 1971 Convention, they can utilize the safeguards in article 13 thereof to prevent the import from other parties of unwanted psychotropic substances;

7. *Urges* the International Narcotics Control Board to continue to collaborate with the Governments concerned with a view to reducing to the greatest possible extent the over-supply of opiates for medical purposes and to endeavouring to bring about a balance between supply and demand;

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

*18th plenary meeting
30 April 1980*

⁴³ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.XI.3, p. 7.

1980/18. Increased priority for the control of drug abuse and illicit drug traffic in African countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2065 (LXII) of 13 May 1977, in which it urged that special attention should be devoted to African countries with a view to preventing and combating abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Concerned at the increase in the abuse of cannabis and psychotropic substances in African countries,

Conscious that problems connected with drug addiction affect African individuals, families and societies,

Considering that African countries do not at present have the human, material and financial resources for effective control of drug abuse and illicit traffic,

Welcoming the conclusions of the seminars organized at Lagos, in November 1979, and at Dakar, in January 1980,

1. *Stresses* the need for African countries to hold regular meetings on the drug problem at the regional level;

2. *Invites* the African countries that have not yet done so to accede to the international drug conventions, and in particular to the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971;⁴⁴

3. *Strongly recommends* that African countries should strengthen their regional co-operation through existing institutions, particularly the Organization of African Unity, *inter alia*, by establishing a special commission;

4. *Requests* the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat, the specialized agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations to increase their assistance to African countries, particularly in the research, prevention and treatment of drug addiction and in the training of law-enforcement and control officers;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, among other measures, to provide financial support for the implementation of the present resolution and to transmit it to the General Assembly.

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1980/19. Greater participation by the United Nations system in drug abuse control

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the close involvement of the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system in the prevention and control of drug abuse,

Taking note of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 1 (XXVII) of 24 February 1977,⁴⁵ in which the Commission called for greater participation of the specialized agencies in the prevention and control of drug abuse and particularly in the reduction of demand for illicit drugs,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 34/177 of 17 December 1979, especially paragraph 6 thereof, in which the Assembly requested the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organi-

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*

⁴⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session Supplement No. 7 (E/5933)*, chap. XVI.