

Bearing in mind that the maintenance of a world-wide balance between the supply of narcotic drugs and the legitimate demand for those drugs for medical and scientific purposes constitutes an important aspect of the international drug abuse control strategy and policy,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1980¹⁷ on the world requirements and supply of narcotic raw materials for medical and scientific purposes, in particular the observations made in paragraphs 58 and 60 of the report,

Noting the observations of the Board that maintenance of excessive stocks in some countries has cast heavy additional financial and other burdens on those countries,

1. *Appeals* to the Governments of all importing countries to support the countries referred to in paragraph 58 of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1980, which, as traditional supplier countries, have been the longest-standing producers for export of narcotic raw materials for medical and scientific purposes;

2. *Urges* the Governments of major producing countries that have recently set up additional capacities for export to restrict, as recommended in paragraph 60 of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1980, their production programmes to meet mainly their domestic requirements;

3. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board to continue a dialogue with the Governments concerned in regard to expeditious implementation of the resolutions on the subject so as to restore a lasting balance between supply and demand;

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

*14th plenary meeting
6 May 1981*

1981/9. Promotion of understanding of the problems of drug abuse by the general public

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling article 38, paragraph 3, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1954, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,¹⁸ and article 20, paragraph 3, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971,¹⁹

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/195 of 15 December 1980,

Deeply concerned that the spread of drug abuse threatens the health of the young and constitutes a problem that jeopardizes the future of a number of communities,

Recognizing that better-informed public opinion could substantially increase the effectiveness of the fight against drug abuse,

Recognizing also that full and accurate information is essential if the maximum effect is to be obtained from the efforts of the international community,

1. *Requests* Governments to attribute primary importance to ensuring that full and accurate information concerning the hazardous effects of the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances is available

¹⁷ E/INCB/52 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.XI.2).

¹⁸ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XI.3, p. 13.

¹⁹ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.XI.3, p. 7.

to all who may be able to assist in preventing drug abuse, especially among young people;

2. *Urges* Governments, having due regard to their constitutional, legal and administrative systems, to take all possible action to stop the publication or propagation of any written or other material that directly or indirectly encourages, stimulates or aims at increasing drug abuse;

3. *Invites* Governments to supply in the most appropriate manner all information and material necessary to ensure that national and international public opinion is correctly informed of efforts and achievements against drug abuse and the illicit drug traffic;

4. *Asks* the Governments and agencies concerned to confine any press releases or statements from official sources to accurate information that avoids any presumption or speculation for which no proof exists;

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

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1981/10. Special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2001 (LX) of 12 May 1976,

Recognizing that the social and human problems created by drug abuse continue to increase,

Aware of the need for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to examine specific topics related to that problem in more detail than is possible in the course of its biennial sessions,

Decides that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall hold a special session of five days' duration in 1982 at a time when it will not overlap with other meetings, so that costs will be minimized.

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1981/11. Social indicators applicable to studies on women

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General containing proposals for the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,²⁰

Recalling resolution 38 of 30 July 1980 of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,²¹

Recognizing the importance of a systematic analysis of the situation of women in the world,

Noting that the work of standardizing terms of reference and harmonizing the collection of data, in the organizations of the United Nations system, should be

²⁰ E/1981/32.

²¹ See *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.