

governmental and non-governmental organizations on this question.

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24 May 1990*

**1990/30. Establishment of a Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, European Region**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* section I of General Assembly resolution 43/122, of 8 December 1988, in which the Assembly requested that consideration be given to the convening of regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies in regions where they had not yet been held,

*Aware* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 44/142 of 15 December 1989, took note with satisfaction of the results of the Second Interregional Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, held at Vienna from 11 to 15 September 1989,

*Aware* of the recommendation made by the Interregional Meeting that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should take the necessary steps to establish a meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, European Region, to further promote technical regional co-operation,

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, in section I of resolution 43/122, noted with satisfaction the valuable work of the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, in particular the Second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African Region, held at Dakar from 18 to 22 April 1988, the Second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin American and Caribbean Region, held at Lima from 12 to 16 September 1988, and the Fourteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific Region, held at Bangkok from 3 to 7 October 1988,

*Recognizing* the need to convene a meeting of heads of European national drug law enforcement agencies, taking into account the existing co-operation between European countries,

1. *Decides* to establish a Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, European Region, along the lines of the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies that have already been established for other regions and with the status of a subsidiary organ of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

2. *Invites* the Governments of States of the European region and other interested Governments to participate in that Meeting;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to adopt the necessary measures and to provide the financial resources required, so that the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat, in consultation with the Governments of the region and with interested agencies, may convene that Meeting.

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**1990/31. Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific purposes**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1979/8 of 9 May 1979, 1980/20 of 30 April 1980, 1981/8 of 6 May 1981, 1982/12 of 30 April 1982, 1983/3 of 24 May 1983, 1984/21 of 24 May 1984, 1985/16 of 28 May 1985, 1986/9 of 21 May 1986, 1987/31 of 26 May 1987, 1988/10 of 25 May 1988 and 1989/15 of 22 May 1989,

*Emphasizing once again* that achieving a balance between the licit supply of opiates and the legitimate demand for opiates for medical and scientific purposes constitutes an important aspect of the international strategy and policy of drug abuse control and that resolving the problem of excess stocks of opiate raw materials is an essential step in that direction,

*Noting* the fundamental need for international co-operation and solidarity in overcoming the problem of excess stocks, which imposes heavy financial and other burdens on the traditional supplier countries,

*Having considered* the special report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1989 on the demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs, and the recommendations contained therein,<sup>76</sup>

1. *Urges* all Governments to give serious consideration to ways to bring about a rapid improvement in solving the problem of excess stocks of opiate raw materials held by the traditional supplier countries;

2. *Commends* the International Narcotics Control Board for its special report on the demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs, in which the Board, *inter alia*, highlighted the impediments to the availability of opiates for medical use, which impediments make it difficult to assess the full licit medical needs for opiates realistically;

3. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board to accord priority to monitoring the implementation of the recommendations contained in the above-mentioned report;

4. *Requests* the World Health Organization to develop guidelines on the rational use of opiates and on the treatment of conditions for which opiates may be prescribed, with a view to assisting Governments in evolving national policy in this regard;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments for consideration and implementation.

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**1990/32. Working languages of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1988/14 of 25 May 1988, by which it authorized the enlargement of the membership of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Re-

<sup>76</sup> E/INCB/1989/1/Supp. (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.89.XI.5).