

of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights;<sup>84</sup>

7. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts to continue to study the situation and to report thereon to the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council;

8. *Also requests* the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts, in discharging its mandate, to consult with the International Labour Organisation and the Special Com-

mittee against Apartheid, as well as with international and African trade union confederations;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its regular session of 1992, for consideration and action, as appropriate, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

*13th plenary meeting  
31 May 1991*

#### **RESUMED FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1991**

#### **1991/38. Terms of reference of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 45/179 of 21 December 1990, requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to consider ways and means of improving its functioning as a policy-making body and to submit its recommendations to the Council at its first regular session of 1991,

*Taking into account* the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fourth session,<sup>85</sup>

*Considering* that the terms of reference of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as laid down in Council resolution 9 (I) of 16 February 1946, need to be adjusted and broadened in the light of the intensification of international cooperation against illicit cultivation, production, manufacture, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as against money-laundering and in the control of chemicals used in the illicit production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

*Considering* the functions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs under the international drug control treaties,

*Considering also* that in its future activities the Commission should apply an integral and balanced approach to the drug problem, taking into account all its aspects,

*Reaffirming* that, in fulfilling its mandate, the Commission should apply the principles underlying current international cooperation in this field, in particular, shared responsibility and balanced attention to supply and demand, and taking into account the relation in a number of countries between the drug problem and development issues, as well as the need for all international activities in this field to be conducted according to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Secretary-General has taken the necessary steps to implement General Assembly resolution 45/179, in which the Assembly requested him to create the United Nations International Drug Control Programme,

*Having regard* to paragraph 2 (e) of Council resolution 9 (I),

1. *Calls upon* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

(a) To review the implementation of the Global Programme of Action annexed to General Assembly resolution S-17/2 of 23 February 1990, in accordance with paragraph 97 of the Global Programme of Action and Assembly resolution 45/148 of 18 December 1990;

(b) To review the development and implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control;<sup>86</sup>

(c) To give policy guidance to the newly created United Nations International Drug Control Programme, based at Vienna, and to monitor its activities;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the appropriate administrative and substantive steps to ensure that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be able to assume those additional functions with effect from the date set for its 1992 session.

*15th plenary meeting  
21 June 1991*

#### **1991/39. Functioning of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and provisional agenda for its thirty-fifth session**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having regard* to its resolution 9 (I) of 16 February 1946 on the terms of reference of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

*Recognizing* the importance of the additional functions entrusted by the Council to the Commission and the heavy workload of the Commission,

*Desiring* to support the Commission in its efforts to fulfil its responsibilities,

*Taking into account* the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fourth session,<sup>85</sup>

1. *Decides* that:

(a) The Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall henceforth meet annually for a period not exceeding eight working days;

(b) The Bureau of the Commission shall consist of five members—a chairman, three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur—and, when examining questions relating to procedure and organization of work, shall seek the advice of the chairmen of the five regional groups present at its meetings;

(c) The Commission shall establish a committee, the membership of which shall be open to all States

<sup>86</sup> E/1990/39 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

<sup>84</sup> See E/1991/41, annex.

<sup>85</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 4 (E/1991/24).*