

*Noting with concern* the apprehension of the International Narcotics Control Board that a return to over-production is likely and that the possibility of an increase in the already excessive stocks cannot be excluded,

*Further noting with concern* that the traditional supplier countries continue to hold large accumulated stocks of opiate raw materials which constitute heavy financial and other burdens for them,

*Bearing in mind* the urgent need to liquidate the accumulated stocks held by the traditional supplier countries with a view to achieving a lasting world-wide balance between demand and supply of opiates for medical and scientific purposes,

*Taking into account* paragraph 55 of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1983,

1. *Urges* the Governments of those countries that have not already done so to take urgent and effective steps to implement the above-mentioned resolutions;

2. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board to devise and take, in accordance with the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>36</sup> appropriate measures with a view to promoting and monitoring the urgent implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions;

3. *Further requests* the International Narcotics Control Board, in consultation with the producing and the consuming countries and the concerned United Nations bodies, to assist in the further development of effective ways of ensuring a balance in supply and demand and of reducing excessive stocks of licit opiate raw materials, included as activity A.1 to be undertaken by the Secretary-General, during the biennium 1984-1985,<sup>37</sup> under the basic five-year programme of action of the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 36/168 of 16 December 1981;

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

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## 1984/22. The cannabis problem

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1933 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975,

*Bearing in mind* that the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>38</sup> requires, *inter alia*, that the use and possession of all the substances listed in Schedule I should be confined exclusively to medical and scientific purposes,

*Bearing in mind also* that the Convention recommends, for the substances listed in Schedule IV, including cannabis and cannabis resin, application of all the special control measures which the contracting

<sup>36</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

<sup>37</sup> See E/CN.7/1984/6.

<sup>38</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

parties have deemed necessary in the light of the particularly dangerous properties of those substances,

*Recognizing* that knowledge concerning the harm that the use of cannabis and cannabis resin can cause to the human organism, especially to the brain, the lungs and cell structures, is considerably greater today than it was a few years ago,

*Noting with great concern* that the International Narcotics Control Board, in its two most recent annual reports, has emphasized that the abuse, illicit cultivation and trafficking of cannabis and cannabis resin are increasing in a majority of regions of the world,

*Aware* that in many regions of the world cannabis and cannabis resin obviously play an important role in the spread of drug abuse and in the illicit drug traffic, particularly among young persons,

1. *Recommends* that all Governments should combat systematically the abuse of cannabis and cannabis resin and intensify national and international efforts to fight the illicit cultivation of, and traffic in, those narcotic drugs;

2. *Recommends also* that all Governments that have not yet done so should consider all appropriate measures needed to confine the cultivation and the licit use of cannabis products to medical and scientific research, in accordance with article 2, paragraph 5 (b), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;

3. *Recommends further* that scientific research, especially long-term investigations into the effects of cannabis abuse on the human organism, should be continued and accelerated;

4. *Recommends*, in addition, that all Governments should maintain or adopt appropriate preventive measures concerning the hazardous consequences of cannabis abuse;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform all Governments of the present resolution, and to invite them to take action with a view to its effective implementation, in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961.

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## 1984/23. Review for scheduling of the amphetamine-like drugs

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 4 (XXX) of 16 February 1983,<sup>39</sup>

*Noting with concern* the serious health and social problems posed by amphetamine-like drugs in some countries,

*Noting also with concern* the growing traffic in and abuse of amphetamine-like drugs in some countries not currently subject to international control,

*Aware* that many of those substances have limited or no recognized therapeutic use,

<sup>39</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 5 (E/1983/15)*, chap. X, sect. A.

Recognizing that the Secretary-General has recently obtained information from many States with respect to those substances, in response to his request,<sup>40</sup>

1. Urges the World Health Organization to select any of those amphetamine-like drugs for which data have been collected and which represent the most serious social and health consequences, to review those substances immediately, in accordance with Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 2 (S-VII) of 8 February 1982<sup>41</sup> and consistent with the principles governing the new review procedures of the World Health Organization,<sup>42</sup> and to make its findings available to the Commission at its thirty-first session;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to analyse the information recently obtained by him, in accordance with all relevant provisions of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 2 (S-VII), to prepare a report on the basis of that analysis, and to transmit that report, together with the report of the World Health Organization, to parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,<sup>43</sup> and the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances<sup>44</sup> and to members of the Commission not later than two months prior to the beginning of the thirty-first session of the Commission.

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#### **1984/24. Measures to combat racism and racial discrimination**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Mindful of resolution 1983/10 of 5 September 1983 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities<sup>45</sup> and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1984/9 of 28 February 1984<sup>46</sup> on measures to combat racism and racial discrimination,

1. Authorizes the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust Mr. Asbjørn Eide with carrying out a study on the achievements made and obstacles encountered during the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, with special emphasis on the progress made in this field, if any, between the first and second world conferences to combat racism and racial discrimination, taking into account also any resolutions the General Assembly might adopt on the report of the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination<sup>47</sup> and the first stage of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade;<sup>48</sup>

<sup>40</sup> See E/CN.7/1984/3 and Add.1.

<sup>41</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 3* (E/1982/13), chap. VIII, sect. A.

<sup>42</sup> See World Health Organization document EB73.R11.

<sup>43</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956, p. 175.

<sup>45</sup> See E/CN.4/1984/3 and Corr.1 and 2, chap. XXI, sect. A.

<sup>46</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 4* (E/1984/14 and Corr.1), chap. II.

<sup>47</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.XIV.4 and corrigendum.

<sup>48</sup> General Assembly resolution 38/14, annex.

2. Recommends that the study should propose new or additional measures in this field which can be taken up for examination by the Sub-Commission;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance to Mr. Asbjørn Eide in his work;

4. Requests that the study be presented to the Sub-Commission at its thirty-eighth session.

*20th plenary meeting  
24 May 1984*

#### **1984/25. Question of a convention on the rights of the child**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 38/114 of 16 December 1983, by which the General Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to give the highest priority at its fortieth session to the question of completing the draft convention on the rights of the child, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/39 of 27 May 1983, by which the Council authorized a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the fortieth session of the Commission to facilitate and speed up the completion of the work on a draft convention on the rights of the child,

Considering that it was not found possible to complete the work on the draft convention during the fortieth session of the Commission,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1984/24 of 8 March 1984,<sup>49</sup>

1. Authorizes a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the forty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights to facilitate and speed up the completion of the work on a draft convention on the rights of the child;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit documents relating to the draft convention on the rights of the child to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-first session and to extend all facilities to the open-ended working group during the meeting to be held prior to the forty-first session of the Commission.

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#### **1984/26. Human rights violations and disabled persons**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1983/19 of 26 May 1983,

Having regard to the Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons,<sup>50</sup> the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons<sup>51</sup> and the Declaration on the Rights of Deaf-Blind Persons,<sup>52</sup>

<sup>49</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 4* (E/1984/14 and Corr.1), chap. II.

<sup>50</sup> General Assembly resolution 2856 (XXVI).

<sup>51</sup> General Assembly resolution 3447 (XXX).

<sup>52</sup> Economic and Social Council decision 1979/24, annex.