

national control, especially those of the amphetamine type which tend to stimulate the central nervous system,

Convinced that these non-medical practices, and in particular their rapid increase, constitute a great danger for the international community as a whole,

Considering that immediate and effective action to combat this threat to the health of people everywhere requires the necessary co-operation of Governments,

Bearing in mind the reports of the Economic and Social Council and of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs issued in 1966,²⁵ 1967,²⁶ 1968²⁷ and 1969²⁸ and the work of the World Health Organization,

Recalling its resolution 2433 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1293 (XLIV) and 1294 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968 and 1401 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969, and World Health Assembly resolutions WHA 18.47 of 20 May 1965, WHA 20.42 and WHA 20.43 of 25 May 1967 and WHA 21.42 of 23 May 1968 urging controls on psychotropic substances not yet under international control,

Noting with satisfaction the considerable amount of work achieved by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Economic and Social Council in the preparation of an international instrument for the control of psychotropic substances not yet under international control,

Noting further the decision of the Economic and Social Council to call a special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,²⁹ and also the fact that this session will be held from 12 to 30 January 1970 at Geneva,

Requests the Economic and Social Council to call upon the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its special session to proceed without delay to complete the draft protocol for the control of psychotropic substances not yet under international control.

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2585 (XXIV). Advisory services in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Noting the section of the report of the Economic and Social Council relating to the advisory services in the field of human rights,³⁰

Taking note of the international Seminar on Special Problems Relating to Human Rights in Developing

²⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6303); Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4140).*

²⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6703); Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4294).*

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7203); Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4455).*

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7603 and Corr.1); Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session, document E/4606/Rev.1.*

²⁹ Resolution 1402 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969.

³⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7603 and Corr.1), chapter IX, section L.*

Countries, held at Nicosia from 26 June to 9 July 1969, the regional Seminar on the Effects of Scientific and Technological Developments on the Status of Women, held at Iasi from 5 to 18 August 1969, and the regional Seminar on the Establishment of Regional Commissions on Human Rights with special reference to Africa, held at Cairo from 2 to 15 September 1969,

Welcoming the interest shown by Governments in the United Nations activities concerning seminars in the field of human rights,

Acknowledging the important role of regional and international seminars in the promotion of human rights,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments of Cyprus, Romania and the United Arab Republic for their offers to act as the host countries for the seminars, their co-operation with the United Nations, which ensured the success of these seminars, and for the generous hospitality extended to all participants;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General and his assistants for the able organization of the seminars held in 1969;

3. *Invites* the competent United Nations organs, the specialized agencies concerned and the regional inter-governmental organizations to take into account, as appropriate, the discussions and recommendations of the seminars mentioned above;

4. *Expresses the hope* that the United Nations, in co-operation with Governments, will continue to promote its activities in this field.

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2586 (XXIV). Promotion of respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms during the Second United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2027 (XX) of 18 November 1965 relating to the need, during the United Nations Development Decade, to devote special attention at both national and international levels to progress in the field of human rights, and to encourage the adoption of measures designed to accelerate the promotion of respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling further resolution XVII on economic development and human rights, adopted by the International Conference on Human Rights on 12 May 1968,³¹

1. *Considers* that, in the elaboration of the strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, the final aim must be the attainment of a rapid and sustained rate of economic and social development, especially in developing countries, and also the well-being, freedom and dignity of all human beings, and the enjoyment of all the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights recognized by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and guaranteed by the two International Covenants on Human Rights;

2. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Development Decade to take

³¹ *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 14.

these considerations into full account and to include them in an appropriate form in its report on the Decade.

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2587 (XXIV). Commission on the Status of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 48 (IV) of 29 March 1947, in which the functions of the Commission on the Status of Women are defined as follows:

(a) To prepare recommendations and reports to the Economic and Social Council on promoting women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields,

(b) To make recommendations to the Council on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women's rights with the object of implementing the principle that men and women shall have equal rights, and to develop proposals to give effect to such recommendations,

Recalling further its resolution 532 A (VI) of 4 February 1952, in which it resolved to request the Economic and Social Council to continue to convene the Commission on the Status of Women for one session each year and the Council's decision of 15 August 1964³² to continue to convene the Commission on an annual basis,

Appreciating the importance of resolution IX of the International Conference on Human Rights, adopted on 12 May 1968,³³ which lays down guidelines for the future work of the Commission on the Status of Women, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1133 (XLI) of 26 July 1966 on the unified long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women, in which the Secretary-General was requested to draw up a questionnaire on the role which women could play in the economic and social development of their countries,

Believing that the work of the Commission on the Status of Women has reached a decisive stage, particularly with respect to the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the preparation and implementation of a unified long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women,

Believing further that the achievement of the Commission's aims demands a sustained effort at the present time, and more especially during the next few years,

Urges the Economic and Social Council to reconsider its decision of 8 August 1969³⁴ so that the Commission on the Status of Women may continue to meet

³² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/3970)*, p. 35, "Review of the pattern of conferences and calendar of conferences and meetings for 1965", sub-para. (d).

³³ *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 10.

³⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session, Resolutions (E/4735)*, p. 18, "Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council", sub-para. (c).

annually, preferably three months after the General Assembly.

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2588 (XXIV). Implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on Human Rights

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1961 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 designating the year 1968 as International Year for Human Rights and the relevant resolutions thereon,

Recalling also its resolution 2442 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 on the International Conference on Human Rights,

Noting the Secretary-General's reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on Human Rights³⁵ and on measures and activities undertaken in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights,³⁶

Convinced that the International Conference on Human Rights provided an impetus to positive action towards achieving the full realization of human rights and the elimination of violations and denials of those rights,

Noting with satisfaction the measures that have been taken and the progress that has been achieved in the implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on Human Rights by Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations concerned,

1. Expresses its appreciation to Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations genuinely concerned with human rights which have contributed to the observance of the International Year for Human Rights;

2. Further expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his effective co-ordination of the measures and activities undertaken in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights and for the informative reports which he has submitted thereon to the General Assembly;

3. Expresses the hope that the measures and activities undertaken on the occasion of the International Year for Human Rights by Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations genuinely concerned with human rights will be continued, developed and enlarged, and that the initiatives which have emerged from the observance of the International Year for Human Rights will serve as guidelines for action-oriented programmes designed to ensure that the work accomplished in 1968 shall be pursued;

4. Invites Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations concerned to continue to give effect, as appropriate, to the recommendations of the International Conference on Human Rights, bearing in mind the

³⁵ A/7661.

³⁶ A/7666 and Add.1 and 2.