

Taking into account that, under the Secretary-General's proposals⁶ for the reorganization of the Secretariat, the Division of Narcotic Drugs is to be transferred to Geneva,

Decides to establish a United Nations Narcotics Laboratory in Geneva.

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835 (IX). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling that by its resolution 802 (VIII) of 6 October 1953 it decided to continue the activities of the United Nations Children's Fund without time limits,

Taking note of resolution 543 (XVIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council after consideration of the reports made by the Executive Board of UNICEF on the work of the Fund,

Being of the opinion that the work of UNICEF is developing with success in the various parts of the world, especially in under-developed areas,

1. *Congratulates* the United Nations Children's Fund on its work;

2. *Considers* that further efforts are desirable to familiarize the public with the needs of children and with the work of UNICEF;

3. *Invites* all States Members and non-members of the United Nations to continue their efforts to expand the resources of UNICEF.

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836 (IX). Universal Children's Day

The General Assembly,

Considering that the obligations of the United Nations to succeeding generations can only be fulfilled by increased efforts on behalf of the children of the world, who are the citizens of tomorrow, and that the world-wide observance of a children's day would contribute to human solidarity and co-operation between nations,

Believing that the objectives of the Charter can best be realized if they inspire and are shared by the children of the world,

Recalling the increased interest in the work of and the support given to the United Nations Children's Fund and its acceptance as an integral part of the United Nations, and that various resolutions relating to children adopted by the General Assembly have shown the Organization's concern for children in all parts of the world,

Considering the increasing attention given by States and peoples to a better observance of the rights of mothers and children, as well as the action of civic, social, professional and cultural institutions, national, international and regional, on behalf of children,

Expressing its appreciation of the work done by governmental and voluntary organizations for the children of the world, including the observance in a certain number of countries of a Universal Children's Day,

⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 53, document A/2731.

Considering that the observance of Universal Children's Day should be used for a concrete and effective expression of the support of Governments for the purposes of UNICEF,

1. *Recommends* that, with effect from 1956, a Universal Children's Day shall be instituted by all countries, to be observed as a day of world-wide fraternity and understanding between children and of activity devoted to the promotion of the ideals and objectives of the Charter and the welfare of the children of the world, and to the strengthening and broadening of the efforts made by the United Nations in favour and on behalf of all the children of the world;

2. *Suggests* to the Governments of all States that Universal Children's Day be observed on the date and in the way which each considers appropriate;

3. *Also invites* the cultural, professional, trade union, workers' and social welfare organizations, for men and women, to support and co-operate actively in the observance of Universal Children's Day;

4. *Requests* the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to take steps in accordance with the present resolution and to include in its annual reports a report on progress achieved in accordance with the above recommendations.

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837 (IX). Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 637 (VII), 648 (VII) and 738 (VIII),

Noting the recommendations⁷ of the Commission on Human Rights to the Economic and Social Council,

Noting, further, resolution 545 G (XVIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the preparation of recommendations on measures for promoting the right of self-determination is a matter of immediate concern,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to complete its recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination, including recommendations concerning their permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources, having due regard to the rights and duties of States under international law and to the importance of encouraging international co-operation in the economic development of under-developed countries, in order that the General Assembly may give those recommendations full and due consideration at its next regular session;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to transmit these recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration at its next regular session.

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⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 7*, annex IV, draft resolution F.