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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION COMMITTEE ON NARCOTIC DRUGS: FIRST DAY'S MEETING.

SUMMARY

AFTER ELECTION NEW OFFICERS IN WHICH BEEDLE (UK) ELECTED CHAIRMAN AND INGERSOLL (US) ELECTED RAPPORTEUR US (INGERSOLL) SPOKE

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FIRST IN OPEN DEBATE ON WORLD DRUG PROBLEM GIVING EXTENSIVE POLICY STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTING US CONCERN OVER GROWING DRUG ABUSE, AND APPEALING TO CONSCIENCE NATIONS TO SUPPORT AN INTERNATIONAL ACTION PROGRAM. INGERSOLL STATEMENT RECEIVED WITH GREAT INTEREST AND MADE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON DELEGATES. (AFTER MEETING INGERSOLL HAD CONFERENCE WITH NUMEROUS INTERESTED MEMBERS PRESS). INTERVENTIONS BY OTHER DELEGATIONS INDICATED CONSENSUS OF CONCERN AND ON NEED FOR INTENSIFIED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION BUT REFLECTED DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH REGARDING MEANS OF COORDINATING EFFORTS AND METHODS OF FINANCING.

- 1. SECOND SPECIAL SESSION COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS OPENED MORNING SEPTEMBER 28 UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP BERTSCHINGER (SWITZ). DIRECTOR DIVISION NARCOTIC DRUGS KUSEVIC READ EXHORTATORY MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL AND PRESENTED HIS REPORT (E/CN.7/530) WHICH INCLUDED STATEMENT OF WORLD DRUG PROBLEM AND PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.
- 2. BASED ON TRADITION OF ELECTION NEW SLATE OFFICERS FOR EACH SEPARATE SESSION COMMISSION AND IN LIGHT OF BERTSCHINGER'S WISH NOT TO CO OINUE AS CHAIRMAN, COMMISSION ELECTED BEEDLE (UK) CHAIRMAN, ANAND (INDIA) FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN, JOHNSON-ROMUALD (TOGO) SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN AND INGERSOLL (USA) RAPPORTEUR.
- 3. IN OPENING REMARKS CHAIRMAN BEEDLE SAID CND FACED DIFFICULT TEST OF CONSIDERING EXTENSIVE SUBJECT IN SHORT 5-DAY MEETING BASED ON AGENDA INVOLVING NOT SIMPLY REVIEW OF FACTS AND PREPARED PAPERS BUT SELF-CRITICISM. IN ADDITION CND IS SHORT ON INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND REAL UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM AND HAS YET TO LEARN HOW TO COORDINATE EXISTING RESOURCES. HE URGED DELEGATES IN FACE OF PA LIC DEMANDS FOR IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS, TO KEEP UP THEIR SPIRITS, AVOID RECRIMINATIONS, ABJURE INSTANT SOLUTIONS, AND NOT TO BE DEFEATIST BUT TO KEEP DEBATE COOL, REALISTIC, CONSTRUCTIVE AND RELEVANT, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY PURPOSES AND REACH SOUND CONCLUSIONS.
- 4. WITHOUT OBJZBTION AUSTRIA, CUBA, HOLY SEE AND NEW ZEALAND ADMITTED AS OBSERVERS.
- 5. STEERING COMMITTEE EMTERMINED CND SHOULD MEET 9:30 TO 1300 AND 1430 TO 1800 DAILY WITH AGENDA TO BE ISSUED DAY IN ADVANCE.
- 6. COMMISSION APPROVED ON MOTION FRANCE SUPPORTED BY US LD HAVE

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SUMMARY RECORD MADE OF FIRST THREE DAYS PROCEEDINGS IN LIEU OF MINUTES AT EXTRA COST DOLS400 PER DAY.

7. CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT IN FIRST DAY'S DISCUSSION COMMISSION PRESENT COLLECTIVE VIEW OF WORLD DRUG SITUATION AS DESCRIBED SECRETARY GENERAL'S PAPER E/CN.7/530 AS BACKGROUND AGAINST WHICH TMCONSIDER FEASIBLE ACTIONS. PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC CONTROL BOARD (INCB) (GREENFIELD) LED OFF WITH STATEMENT SUPPORTING ANALYSIS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE SYG'S PAPER. HE URGED REALISTIC PRAGMATIC APPROACH IN WHICH NO MIRACLES EXPECTED AND ACHIEVEMENTS NECESSARILY SLOW. NO SINGLE DURG PROBLEM EXISTED BUT RATHER SERIES OF PROBLEMS VARYING WITH DRUG, TIME, COUNTRY AND EVEN INDIVIDUALS. BOARD WELCOMED SECRETARIAT'S REPORT CALLING FOR PROGRAMS AGAINST ILLEGAL PRODUCTION, FOR PREVENTIVE AND ENFORCEMENT LEGISLATION, AND FOR TREATMENT, REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS. BOARD ASKED FOR THREE-FOLD EMPHASIS ON WORLD-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH, BETTER COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL, BILATERAL AND NATIONAL EFFORTS AND FULL MOBILIZATION OF COMMUNITY CONCERN. BOARD BELIEVED VAST AMOUNT MONEY AND NEW METHODS FINANCING NECESSARY.

- 8. ASST DIRECTOR GENERAL WHO (BERNARD) MADE STATEMENT ASSURING WHO ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE MEETING AND PLEDGING ITS COOPERATION. HE EMPHASIZED INTERDEPENDENCE OF PROGRAMS AT NATIONAL AND INTER-NATIONAL LEVELS. AND THAT ANY PROGRAM MUST BE BASED ON FULL INFORMATION -
- 9. OPEN DEBATE THEN BEGAN WITH EXTENSIVE STATEMENT BY US (INGERSOLL) WHICH DESCRIBED INCREASING AMERICAN CONCERN OVER GROWING DRUG PROBLEM, APPEALED TO WORLD CONSCIENCE AND PROPOSED I AEGRATED INTERNATIONAL ACTION PROGRAM (FOR FULL TEXT SEE GENEVA 3333)
- 10. DEBATE CONTINUED WITH STATEMENT BY THAILAND WHOSE REPRESENTA-TIVE DECLARED THAT BECIAL UN FUND FOR DRUG CONTROL (PROPOSED BY SECRETARY GENERAL AND US) SHOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY LARGE AND AVAILABLE TO ALL COOPERATING GOVERNMENTS.
- 11. SWEDEN CREXED) IN NEXT INTERVENTION TOOK NOTE OF US STATEMENT "US HAS SOUNDED ALARM BELL WHICH SHOULD BE CLEARLY HEARD" AND RE-LUCTANTLY ACCEPTED PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL UN DRUG CONTROL FUND. BUT SWEDEN ALSO DECRIED DISTICTION BETWEEN PRODUCING AND VICTIM COUNTRIES, ALEGED MISUSE AND LEAKAGE IN DEVELOPED AS WELL AS DE-VELOPING COUNTRIES, AND CALLED FOR BALANCED ACTION PROGRAM IN WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS WERE HARMONIZED IN CO-ORDINATED ATTACK. CHAIRMAN BEEDLE IDENTIFIED DIFFERENCE IN SWEDISH AND US APPROACHES IN THAT US WAS ASKING UN TO BECOME OPERATIONAL AND LOOKING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE, WHILE SWEDEN EM-PHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATING ALL RESOURCES AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS.

12. AGAINST BACKGROUND OF ITS GROWING DRUG PROBLEM CANADA (CHAPMAN) SUPPORTED REINFORCEMENT OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND INCE. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IF DEVELOPED WITH CARE, AND FINANCING OUT OF REGULAR UN BUDGET INSTEAD OF UNDER SPECIAL FUND.

13. TURKEY (KIRCA) EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR WHO AND SWEDISH STATEMENTS AND EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING PSYCHOTROPICS IN ANY CONTROL PROGRAM. SUPPORTED PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL FUND UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL . AND UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOT . PLEDGED LICEN-SING AND CONTROL BILL SATISFYING OBLIGATION UNDER SINGLE CONVENTION WOULD BE ENACTED INTO LAW WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS.

14. USSR (BABAIAN) APPEALED TO COUNTRIES TO ADHERE TO SINGLE CON-VENTION, POINTING OUT US, FRANCE AND TURKEY HAD ADHERED QUITE RE-CENTLY, AND ARGUED SOLUTION PROBLEM LAY IN NATIONAL ACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LEGAL TREATY COMMITMENTS. CONTROLS SHOULD EMBRACE ALL DANGEROUS DRUGS INCLUDING PSYCHOTROPICS. US WRONG IN CONCENTRATING ON SINGLE SUBSTANCE OPIUM. SPECIAL FUND BASED ON VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL BUT COULD NOT BE DECISIVE. HE REQUESTED REPORT ON CND ACTIONS TAKEN PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS (WHICH KUSEVIC LATTER PRESENTED).

15. INDIA (ANAND) CALLED FOR COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT BY ALL COUNTRIES TO CONTROL DRUG ABUSE. CWNTROLS SHOULD INCLUDE PSYCHOTROPICS WHICH ARE POSSIBLY MOST DANGEROUS. SPECIAL UN FUND WAS SUPPORTED IN PRI-NCIPLE SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS HOW IT SHOULD BE RAISED AND USED. INDIA IF NOT CONTRIBUTING FINANCIALLY MIGHT PROVIDE EXPERTISE AND PER-SONNEL.

16. MEXICO (BARONA LOBATO) IN EXTENSIVE STATEMENT DISCUSSING SEC-RETARY GENERAL'S REPORT REFERRED WITH SATISFACTION TO BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH US.

17. FRANCE (MABILEAU) RAISED POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER RATIFICATION AND APPLICATION OF 1936 DRUG CONVENTION AS ANOTHER MEANS OF

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STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL CONTROL SYSTEM. HE OPPOSED SPECIAL UN FUND IN PRINCIPLE SUGGESTING UNDP COULD HANDLE. UK CALLED FOR IM-PROVEMENT INFORMATION COLLECTION TO SEEK TO ASSURE PROGRAMS BASED ON FULL AND ACCURATE FACTS.

18. GERMANY CANNER) WITH NEW MARIJUANNA PROBLEM SUPPORTED VOLUN-TARY SPECIAL UN FUND AND EXPRESSED INTENTION EARMARK ONE MILLION MARKS IN BUDGET AS ITS CONTRIBUTION.

19. JAPAN (SHIMOURA) EXPESSED VIEW IN LIGHT JAPAN'S SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE IN 1960'S IN REDUCING ASSICTION AND DRUG RELATED ARRESTS THAT SOLUTION DRUG PROBLEM LAY IN INTENSIFICATION NATIONAL EFFORTS BASED ON CLOSER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

20. CHAIRMAN (BEEDLE) SUMMED UP FIRST DAY'S DEBATE AS FOLLOWS: CND CONSENSUS WAS DRUG PROBLEM SERIOUS AND BECOMING MORE SO. THERE IS HOWEVER NO PATTERN OF ATTACK OR NATIONAL RESPONSE OR SUCCESS OF NATIONAL EFFORTS. THIS CND MEETING IS NEEDED. HE URGED CND TO CON-VERT GENERAL STATEMENTS URGING COMPREHENSIVE ATTACK ON WORLD PRO-BLEM INTO CONCRETE DETERMINATIONS OF WHAT CAN EFFECTIVELY BE DONE. CND MUST ATTACK EVERY ASPECT PROBLEM BUT REALISTICALLY, SELECTING WHAT IS MANAGEABLE BY DIRECT ACTION UNDER INFORMED CONTROL. IT MUST RECORD DRAMATIC FACTS US EXPOSED BUT ALSO TAKE ACCOUNT OF PRINCIPLES ADVOCATED BY SWEDEN AND USSR.

21. BEEDLE STATED DEBATE WOULD CONTINUE IN SECOND DAY (SEPTEMBER 29) ON SUBJECT OF CONTROL OF DRUG SUPPLY (LEGAL CONTROLS, TREATIES, NATIONAL CONTROL ADMINISTRATIONS, TRAINING, AND ENFORCEMENT MACHIN-ERY) LEADING TO DISCUSSION OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION WITH PARTICIPATION BY WHO, AND THEN PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION OF CON-TROL OF DRUG DEMAND .

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