

**1997/64. Working languages of the Subcommittee on  
Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the  
Near and Middle East**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its decisions 1993/246 of 27 July 1993 and 1996/248 of 23 July 1996, by which it authorized the enlargement of the membership of the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East,

*Noting* that, of a total membership of twenty-four States, six of them, namely Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, use Russian as the working lingua franca of their drug law enforcement agencies,

1. *Decides* that the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East shall use Arabic, English and Russian as its working languages for future sessions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to adopt the necessary measures and provide the financial resources required for the implementation of the present resolution.

*42nd plenary meeting  
25 July 1997*