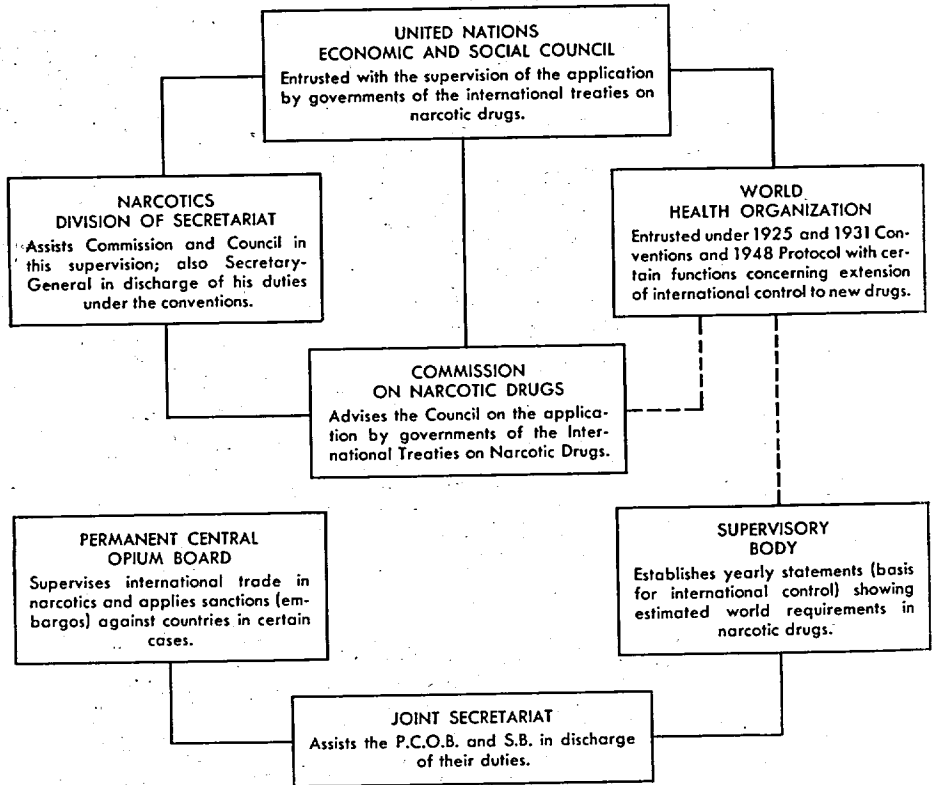


## The Organs of International Narcotic Control

The chart which follows shows the organs of international control of narcotic drugs, as at present constituted.



As shown in this chart, the 15-member Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) is the governing body entrusted with the overall supervision of the implementation by governments of the International Treaties on Narcotic Drugs. This body must consider and, where it sees fit, approve recommendations of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs, a technical commission which meets once every year and reviews data on narcotic drugs collected and presented to it by the Narcotic Division of the United Nations Secretariat. It is a Commission function to recommend, by means of resolutions submitted to the Economic and Social Council, that governments take certain action with regard to international control of narcotics and implementation of treaties. One of the most important continuing tasks of the Commission and the United Nations Secretariat has been to draft a single treaty encompassing the essentials of the nine existing narcotics treaties (including the United Nations opium protocol, which has not yet entered into force). The Commission and the Secretariat have been working on this project for several years.

The Economic and Social Council may accept or reject a proposal of the Commission by a majority vote; alternatively it may refer it back to the Commission for further study before making any representations to governments.