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CND Res.2(S-VII). Procedure to be followed by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in matters of scheduling of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Concerned with the timeliness and comprehensiveness of notifications, assessments and recommendations pursuant to the provisions of the international drug control treaties,

Desiring to establish clearer procedures for the accomplishment of its functions under those treaties with respect to the scheduling of substances,

Taking note of WHO Executive Board resolution EB 69.R9 of 22 January 1982,

Bearing in mind the requirement in rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council that basic documents for a session of the Commission shall be transmitted to Member States at least six weeks before the opening of the session and the need for Member States to consult within their own countries on proposals for the scheduling or rescheduling of substances,

1. Requests the World Health Organization to inform the Commission in a timely manner of the various substances it plans to review for possible scheduling as well as the period within which it intends to carry out such review;
2. Decides that, at each session, it will take note of WHO review plans and, if appropriate, indicate subjects requiring WHO's attention;
3. Requests Parties to the international drug control treaties to facilitate the work of the Commission in this matter by providing information as soon as possible upon the request of the Secretary-General;
4. Requests WHO, when reviewing substances for possible scheduling under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, to continue to collect systematically and analyse data on each substance concerning liability to abuse, the production of ill effects, convertibility into a drug, recoverability and any therapeutic advantages;
5. Further requests WHO, when reviewing substances for possible scheduling under the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, to continue to collect systematically and analyse data on each substance concerning the extent or likelihood of abuse, the degree of seriousness of the public health and social problems associated with such abuse and the usefulness in medical therapy;
6. Invites Member States to respond in a positive manner to requests by the Secretary-General for information on the economic, social, legal and administrative factors related to the abuse of substances being considered for possible scheduling, and to supply as complete data as possible on any illicit trafficking in the substances in question;
7. Requests WHO, to the extent possible, to forward its recommendations and assessments to the Secretary-General at least three months prior to the Commission session at which the recommendation or assessment could first be examined;
8. Requests the Secretary-General, to the extent possible, to forward such WHO recommendations and

assessments, as well as any other relevant information he may have collected, to Parties and Commission Members at least two months prior to the Commission session in which the possible scheduling of the substance or substances is to be considered.

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