Economic and Social Council

CND Res.5(II). Article 19 of the Convention of 19 February 1925

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs

I. Having examined the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat (document E/CN.7/101) in pursuance of the invitation of the Economic and Social Council to initiate studies with a view of amending or deleting the provision of article 19 of the Convention of 19 February 1925, in accordance with which the members of the Permanent Central Board shall not hold any office which puts them in a position of direct dependence on their Governments;

Considering that it would appear extremely doubtful that an amendment of the 1925 Convention would lead to a satisfactory result and that in any case the amendment procedure would entail very long delay;

Considering, moreover, that the meaning attributed by the Commission to the said provision of article 19 of the 1925 Convention would render its amendment unnecessary,

Suggests to the Economic and Social Council that it should attribute to the fifth paragraph of article 19 of the Convention of 19 February 1925, as amended by the Protocol on narcotic drugs of 11 December 1946, the meaning attributed to it in the paragraph (2) of chapterIV of the memorandum approved by the Commission (annex IV of the Report of the Commission).

II. Having come to the conclusion that, as a result of economic and social changes, it would be difficult to find suitable candidates to sit as members of the Permanent Central Board, without remuneration, and moreover, that members of the said Board should be granted privileges and immunities on the lines laid down by the Convention on Privileges and Immunities approved by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946,

Recommends that the Economic and Social Council should take the measures necessary for granting to the members of the Permanent Central Board the above-mentioned privileges and immunities, and also adequate remuneration during their term of office.

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