CND Res.3(IX). Synthetic Drugs

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Considering that many synthetic narcotic drugs possess the same addiction producing properties as natural narcotic drugs;

Considering that the existing international provisions for the control of the said synthetic drugs are inadequate;

Noting that although they were introduced only in the recent past, there is already evidence of abuse of synthetic drugs and indications of an illicit traffic which may increase to serious proportions;

Believing that in view of all the measures adopted in respect of natural drugs the traffickers will tend to turn their attention to synthetic drugs;

Considering the difficulty of controlling the raw materials used in the manufacture of synthetic drugs;

Bearing in mind the complexities which would characterize all cases of illicit traffic and the consequent difficulties of prosecution in such cases;

Wishing to remedy the deficiency from which the system of narcotics control now suffers;

1. Reaffirms its determination to pursue an urgently as possible its quest for a more complete system of international control;

2. Resolves to reconsider the problem at its tenth session in the light of the progress made in the studies at present being pursued by the Secretariats of the World Health Organization and the United Nations in accordance with Council resolution 505 C(XVI).

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