The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Considering the danger of diversion of acetic anhydride for the illicit manufacture of diacetylmorphine,

Recalling the request of the Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium of the League of Nations to Governments that special attention should be given to movements of this substance,

Having regard, however, to the fact that this substance is widely employed in many countries in a number of industrial operations; and concluding therefore that it would not be feasible for such countries to subject acetic anhydride to the type of control measures which are applied to narcotic drugs,

Notes with appreciation the measures taken by the Governments of Greece and Turkey;

Draws the attention of Governments to the danger of diversion for illicit purpose of acetic anhydride, and suggests that they bear in mind the possibility of action by way of control or surveillance appropriate to the risks involved and the particular circumstances in their countries.

April/May 1954