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CND Res. II (XII). Request of Afghanistan to be recognized as a State producing opium for export

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Having considered further, as directed by Economic and Social Council resolution 626 G(XXII), the claim of Afghanistan to be included among the countries which may produce opium for export,

Desirous of reaching a decision which will take account of the legitimate interest both of Iran and of Afghanistan, and also of the special circumstances arising from the decision of the Government of Iran to prohibit the cultivation of opium,

Noting that important progress has been made in Iran towards the implementation of the decision to prohibit the cultivation of opium and to combat drug addiction,

Noting further that Afghanistan has become a party to the International Opium Convention of 1925, that the Opium Protocol of 1953 is not yet in force, and that under the international conventions on narcotic drugs at present in force Afghanistan requires no permission to produce and export opium for medical and scientific purposes,

Considering that the information before the Commission at the present time is insufficient to enable it to come to any conclusion of the question of illicit traffic in opium from Afghanistan into Iran, and how far such traffic has increased as opium production in Iran has decreased,

1. Decides to consider this question again at its thirteenth session in the light of the information then available as to the further progress made towards the abolition of opium cultivation and drug addiction in Iran, the administrative arrangements made in Afghanistan for the control of opium production and the prevention of illicit traffic, and the extent and trend of any illicit traffic in opium from Afghanistan to Iran;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Governments of Iran and Afghanistan to submit to the Commission at its thirteenth session all information which they are in a position to furnish on the above and any other aspects of the question which would be of assistance to the Commission.

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