CND Res.IV(XII). The question of cannabis

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Considering that the illicit traffic in cannabis, its resin and other products and ingredients continues to present a serious social problem,

Noting that the exact nature of the active narcotic principle or principles of these substances has still not yet been definitely established,

Holding that methods whereby the dangerous parts of the cannabis plant could more accurately and speedily be identified would facilitate the fight against the illicit traffic,

1. Requests all Governments to abolish, except for medical (Ayurvedic, Unani and Tibbi systems) and scientific purposes, the legal consumption of all substances having a cannabis base within a reasonable period where it has not been done so far;

2. Expresses the view that it is highly desirable that research on the exact nature of the active principle or principles of cannabis should be expedited and that specific tests for this purpose should be developed;

3. Invites all Governments having the necessary facilities to promote such research and to assist one another in this task by exchanging, directly as well as through the Secretary-General, information on the results obtained.

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