CND Res.VI(XII). The abuse of barbiturates

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the discussions at previous sessions on the danger involved in the abuse of barbiturates,

Recalling that, contrary to the common consensus of opinion, the greatest social danger presented by barbiturates does not arise from acute poisonings (in spite of their frequent occurrence),

Noting that, according to the definitions set up by the World Health Organization, the barbiturates are to be considered as habit-forming and in certain circumstances can produce addiction, and are thus dangerous to public health,

Considering that in some countries the barbiturates are submitted to a special control whereas in others this is not the case,

Recommends Governments to take the appropriate legislative and administrative measures of control to prevent the abuse of barbiturates.

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