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The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling that the Health Committee of the League of Nations established criteria for determining which preparations of codeine and ethylmorphine might be considered as "adapted to a normal therapeutic use" within the meaning of article 13 of the Convention of 1931 for limiting the manufacture and regulating the distribution of narcotic drugs,

Considering that those criteria were not entirely satisfactory and were applied in different ways in different countries, and that it is desirable that there should be a standard practice in this matter in all countries,

Considering also that those criteria were not applicable to drugs added to Group II at a later date, or to drugs which may in future be placed in Group II,

Invites the World Health Organization to consider the possibility of that Organization adopting a procedure on the following lines:

(a) Receiving from governments suggestions as to preparations of Group II drugs which they consider should be exempted from control under the international narcotics conventions;

(b) Recommending preparations suggested under (a) above for such exemption;

(c) Considering from time to time, as necessary, any fresh proposals from governments for such exemptions; and

(d) If it should be so agreed at the Plenipotentiary Conference to be called under Economic and Social Council resolution 689 J(XXVI), preparing, for inclusion in Schedule III, a list of drugs suggested by governments for exemption, and the exemption of which is recommended by the World Health Organization.

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