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**CND Res.2(XVIII). Illicit Traffic in the Far East**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

(a) Having made a special study, at its eighteenth session of the situation regarding illicit traffic in narcotic drugs in the Far East,

(b) Noting that the opium poppy is cultivated illicitly in some parts of the area for the production of opium; that illicit laboratories exist there for the manufacture of morphine and heroin; and that there is a highly organized traffic in the area in all these drugs;

(c) Noting also that, although Governments have intensified their efforts to deal with illicit production, manufacture and traffic, the problem remains very serious;

1. Urges that the Governments concerned take all necessary measures to deal with the situation, in particular by

(i) obtaining more precise information about the areas in which the opium poppy is illicitly cultivated and about the location of illicit laboratories for the manufacture of morphine and heroin;

(ii) registering opium smokers, where such smoking is still permitted, with a view to the eventual elimination of the practice;

(iii) strengthening wherever necessary their enforcement services and improving the training and methods of operation of those services so that they may be able to deal more effectively with the illicit cultivation of the opium poppy, the illicit manufacture of morphine and heroin, and illicit traffic in these drugs;

(iv) controlling to the extent necessary and practicable the import and internal distribution of acetic anhydride and acetyl chloride;

(v) studying the problem of eliminating the cultivation of the opium poppy by hill tribes or other less-developed groups as a means of livelihood, and taking any necessary measures to achieve that end;

(vi) co-operating closely with other countries in the area in the direct and co-ordinated exchange of information useful in countering the illicit traffic;

(vii) including in their applications for technical assistance provision for appropriate assistance which may be required with a view to facilitating the implementation of plans for countering the illicit traffic, whether by way of training personnel, obtaining expert advice or for any other purpose.

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