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CND Res.1 (XX). The control of new narcotic substances

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Considering the importance of ensuring that new narcotic substances are brought under control as quickly as possible,

Sharing the concern of the World Health Assembly (resolution WHA 18-46) about the dangers to public health which may arise if the control of such substances is delayed,

Taking into account the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1954, under which decisions on the control of narcotic substances are taken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Considering also that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs meets not more than once a year,

Believing that steps can be taken under the present terms of the 1954 Convention to speed up the process of placing new substances under control,

1. Resolves that if a recommendation is made by the World Health Organization for the control of a new narcotic substance, and the Commission is not, or will not within a period of three months be, in session, a decision should be taken by the Commission before its next session; and

2. Requests the Secretary-General, for that purpose, to arrange in these exceptional circumstances for a decision of the Commission to be taken by a vote of the members of the Commission by mail or telegram, and for a report to be made to the Commission at its next session.

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