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CND Resolution 1(XXIV). Amendment of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Having regard to resolution 1577(L) of the Economic and Social Council,

Aware that during the last decade the abuse of drugs has reached critical proportions in some countries and constitutes a menace to which no country can feel immune,

Considering that the international drug abuse problem is dealt with in the case of narcotic drugs in various international treaties, notably in the Single Convention of 1961, and in the case of psychotropic substances in the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and that past experience ought to be taken into consideration in examining proposed amendments to the Single Convention,

Believing that a review of some of the provisions of the Single Convention is warranted, bearing in mind the purposes of that Convention, and to this end to provide for increased international co-operation and control to eliminate illegal narcotics production and traffic, and

Noting that a number of amendments have already been proposed and that a Plenipotentiary Conference has been convened by Council resolution 1577(L) to consider all amendments proposed to the Single Convention.

1. Recommends that Governments of States invited to the Plenipotentiary Conference give urgent consideration to the study of all proposals to amend the Single Convention;
2. Expresses the hope that all proposals can be made available to the Secretary-General for circulation sufficiently in advance of the Plenipotentiary Conference to enable Governments of States invited to study them carefully in preparation for their participation in the Conference; and
3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Plenipotentiary Conference the text of the present resolution, together with the relevant parts of the report and the records of the Commission's proceedings at its twenty-fourth regular session on agenda item 10.

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