CND Res.3(S-IV). Prohibition of the manufacture of heroin and its use in medical practice*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Expressing its concern at the fact that addiction to heroin and the illicit traffic in this preparation have recently been steadily increasing in various countries,

Considering that heroin represents a great danger to human health, that in most countries of the world the medical profession does not regard it as of therapeutic value and that it has been omitted from the pharmacopoeia and from lists of medicaments,

Noting that, under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, the strictest measures of control are to be applied to heroin,

Anxious about the health and well-being of mankind,

Recommends to any Government that has not yet done so that if, in its opinion, the prevailing conditions in its country render it the most appropriate means of protecting the public health and welfare, it should prohibit all manufacture of heroin and its use in medical practice on human beings.

806th meeting,
27 February 1976.

*/* See E/5771-E/CN.7/587, chap. XV and XI.