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**CND Res.2(S-V). Measures against the use of acetic anhydride or acetyl-chloride in the illicit manufacture of heroin<sup>\*/</sup>**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Deeply concerned with the serious and growing heroin addiction problem in many parts of the world and its destructive effects on individuals and societies,

Noting that acetic anhydride or acetyl-chloride is an essential requirement for the manufacture of this drug,

Recalling article 2, paragraph 8, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and the same paragraph of that Convention, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, which calls on all Parties to apply to substances which do not fall under that Convention, but which may be used in the illicit manufacture of drugs such measures of supervision as may be practicable,

Recognizing that there are practical considerations which make it difficult to place acetic anhydride or acetyl-chloride under strict national legislative control, particularly in countries where acetic anhydride or acetyl-chloride is used in large quantities industrially,

Draws the attention of Governments to the usefulness of taking all possible measures of supervision over the manufacture, movement and sale (in particular, in portable containers), as well as the use, of acetic anhydride or acetyl-chloride to prevent their availability for use in the illicit manufacture of heroin.

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\*/ See E/1978/35-E/CN.7/621, para. 105.

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