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CND Res.5(S-V). Prohibition of the use of heroin on human beings^{*/}

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Bearing in mind the constantly increasing abuse of heroin (diacetylmorphine) in a number of countries, not infrequently with fatal consequences,

Noting that in most countries of the world, the medical profession does not regard heroin as any longer of any therapeutic value,

Recalling that the World Health Organization, the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs have repeatedly urged Governments to prohibit the manufacture, export, import and use of heroin,

Concerned about human health and welfare,

Again urges Governments which have not yet done so to prohibit, if in their opinion the prevailing conditions in their country render it the most appropriate means of protecting the public health and welfare, the use of heroin on human beings.

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^{*/} See E/1978/35-E/CN.7/621 para 184.
