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CND Res.6(S-V). Notifications concerning the scope of control Psychotropic Substances*/

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Noting that it is seven years since the adoption of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances by the Plenipotentiary Conference held at Vienna in 1971,

Recalling article 2 of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, in particular paragraph 1 thereof, which deals with the obligation of Parties to that Convention and of the World Health Organization to notify the Secretary-General of any amendments or changes which, in their opinion, may be required with regard to the four Schedules annexed to that Convention,

Considering that, during that period, further evidence and experience have become available about the health and social problems associated with the use of psychotropic substances already scheduled, which suggest that some of the contents of the Schedules to the Convention need to be reviewed and that additions to them may need to be made,

Having regard to the fact that methods to evaluate the ratio between the risks and benefits respectively associated with the use of psychotropic substances have been elaborated by the World Health Organization.

1. Invites Parties to the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, to notify, in accordance with the requirements of article 2 of the Convention, the Secretary-General of the United Nations of any information which seems likely to require the addition of any psychotropic substances not yet under international control to any of the Schedules of the Convention, for consideration by the World Health Organization;
2. Further invites the Director-General of the World Health Organization to submit to the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as soon as possible, recommendations for the rescheduling of any substance where the Schedule in which it is at present included no longer appears to be appropriate and, where appropriate, for the scheduling of any additional substances in the light of the notifications made by Parties or by the World Health Organization, or in the light of information coming from any other source, in accordance with the requirements of article 2 of that Convention;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Parties to the 1971 Convention and to the Director-General of the World Health Organization.

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*/ See E/1978/35-E/CN.7/621, para. 192.