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CND Res.3(XXIX). Prevention of the introduction of low-quality or falsely labelled narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances into developing countries

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Noting with concern reports from developing countries on the large-scale introduction of pharmaceutical products containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances into their territories, sometimes including drugs that are illegal in the country of origin or do not meet standards of safety, efficacy and quality,

Considering the difficulties of developing countries in the establishment of adequate mechanisms and systems for the control of imported pharmaceutical products in general and those containing psychotropic substances in particular,

Bearing in mind the efforts of the World Health Organization in this field, including the development of a list of essential drugs and the Certification Scheme on the Quality of Pharmaceutical Products Moving in International Commerce,

1. Recommends Governments to participate in the WHO Certification Scheme as one of the methods to prevent the importation of low-quality or falsely labelled pharmaceutical products containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances;

2. Invites the World Health Organization, the United Nations Narcotics Laboratory and other organizations concerned to assist developing countries to develop their national drug control system.

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