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**CND Res.4 (XXX). Procedures to be followed by the Commission on Narcotic
Drugs in matters of scheduling the benzodiazepines 29/**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recognizing the complexities associated with the review and analysis of information on the benzodiazepines,

Recalling the procedure established by the Commission at the seventh special session under resolution 2(S-VII), paragraph 5, concerning recommended World Health Organization review procedures,

Also recalling the procedure established by the Commission on the type of information to be collected by the Secretary-General from Member States under resolution 2(S-VTI), paragraph 6,

Aware that the previous consideration of benzodiazepines by the World Health Organization and the Commission did not include all of these substances currently on the market,

Aware also that there is a need for the review and assessment of barbiturates and non-barbiturate sedative-hypnotics and amphetamine type stimulant substances,

1. Requests the World Health Organization to, (a) urgently review and assess, as part of its regular function under the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, all benzodiazepines currently on the market as of a specific date to be determined by that Organization, (b) undertake as soon as possible the review and assessment of amphetamine type stimulant substances and of barbiturates and non-barbiturate sedative-hypnotics, (c) continue to use the procedures as stated in resolution 2(S-VII), paragraph 5 in conducting this review and assessment, (d) make available its findings and recommendations, on a substance by substance basis, as well as its sources of information and appropriate background documents to the Secretary-General as requested in resolution 2(S-VII), paragraph 7;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to (a) obtain and analyse information on those benzodiazepines and other substances, reviewed by the World Health Organization, as requested by the Commission, according to the procedure as outlined in resolution 2(S-VTI), paragraph 6, (b) prepare reports, organized on a substance by substance basis, based on the information obtained in (a) above, (c) convey its report on the benzodiazepines, together with the report of the World Health Organization, to Parties to the Convention and members of the Commission at least two months prior to the next session of the Commission, as requested in resolution 2(S-VII), paragraph 8.