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CND Res.5(XXX). Action required with respect to establishing guide-lines for the exemption of preparations under the provisions of article 3 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling its resolution 2(S-VI) of 19 February 1980,

Having considered the note of the Secretary-General entitled "Action required with respect to establishing guidelines for the exemption of preparations under the provisions of article 3 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances" of 13 December 1982 (E/CN.7/1983/7/Add.1),

Acknowledging that article 3 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances allows a Party to the Convention the exemption of preparations from specific control measures, by unilateral decision, in its territory or in one of its regions,

Recognizing the necessity of ensuring that exemption granted in one country shall not hamper preventive measures in other countries,

Aware of the urgent need for more specific guidelines to be taken account of by national authorities when they grant an exemption, and by the World Health Organization for its assessment policy,

1. Asks the Secretary-General to request the comments of Governments on his note (E/CN.7/1983/7/Add.1) and on World Health Organization document MNH/82.51 mentioned in his note;
2. Requests the secretariat, in close collaboration with the World Health Organization and taking into account the comments made at the thirtieth session of the Commission, as well as those received following a general solicitation from Governments, to continue to review the proposed criteria and guidelines as formulated in document E/CN.7/1983/7/Add.1 and to submit a refined set thereof for consideration and adoption at its next session;
3. Recommends that pending the development of final exemption guide-lines, the guidelines formulated in the Secretary-General's note (E/CN.7/1983/ 7/Add.1) should be taken into account by Member States and by the World Health Organization;
4. Urges Parties to the Convention to consider not making use of their right to exempt preparations from the provisions of article 12 (export authorization for substances in Schedule II and export declaration for substances in Schedule III);
5. Recommends that Parties to the Convention should consider not exempting preparations from the provisions of article 10 (warnings and prohibitions of advertising).

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