

Procedure to be followed in collecting data on opioid agonists and antagonists in view of their possible scheduling under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the decision taken at its eighth special session to place pentazocine under international control,

Aware that pentazocine is one of a number of substances of similar properties generally known as opioid agonists and antagonists,

Aware also of the argument that these substances, while similar in some respects to substances scheduled under the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, are similar in many more respects to substances scheduled under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,

1. Requests the World Health Organization to examine further the case for scheduling these substances under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, in accordance with the new World Health Organization procedures for the review of psychoactive substances for international control, and to make its findings available to a future session of the Commission;
2. Requests the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the World Health Organization to obtain and analyze information pertinent to this matter, in accordance with the relevant requirements of Commission resolution 2(S-VII), to prepare reports on the basis of that information, and to submit them, together with the report of the World Health Organization on its findings, to Parties to the Single Convention and members of the Commission not later than two months prior to the beginning of the session of the Commission at which the relevant item will appear on the agenda;
3. Urges all Governments to assist the Secretary-General in his task, and the World Health Organization in its examination, by providing full and factual information when requested by the Secretary-General.

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