

Resolution 1 (XXXVIII)

Prohibition of the use of heroin\*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Aware of the increasing abuse of heroin in a number of countries, often with fatal consequences, and of the growing advocacy of the non-medical use of heroin and its controlled supply to drug addicts,

Recalling Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolutions 5 (S-V) of 23 February 1978 and 2 (XXXII) of 11 February 1987,

Aware that proposals to legalize the non-medical use of heroin contradict the provisions of the international drug control treaties, in particular those relating to demand reduction, as contained in article 38 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, 1/

Bearing in mind target 7 of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, 2/ which drew attention to the danger of promoting advocacy of the non-medical use of drugs, including heroin,

Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to ask the International Narcotics Control Board and the World Health Organization for an opinion on this question for consideration by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-ninth session.

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1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 976, No. 14152.

2/ See Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I. sect. A.