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CND Res.44/15. Provisions regarding travellers under treatment involving the use of medical preparations containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling its resolution 43/11, in which it invites the International Narcotics Control Board to examine provisions which, in the same way as those contained in the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,46 in particular article 4, subparagraph (a), would enable travellers carrying medicines containing narcotic drugs to continue their medical treatment in their host countries,

Taking into account the subsequent review of the issue and proposals by the Board in its report for 2000,47

Mindful of the need to ensure that patients under treatment with medical preparations containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances for pain, drug dependence or other medical conditions are aware of different national requirements and limitations concerning those substances,

Acknowledging the need to promote and reinforce security in cases involving travellers who carry medical preparations for use in treatment,

- 1. *Notes* the steps taken by the International Narcotics Control Board to gain better understanding of the problems encountered by travellers carrying medicines to maintain the continuity of their treatment in host countries:
- 2. *Invites* Governments to inform the Board of restrictions currently applied in cases involving travellers carrying medical preparations containing narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances;
- 3. Requests the Board to publish such information in its list of narcotic drugs under international control (known as the yellow list) and its list of psychotropic substances under international control (known as the green list), in order to facilitate the work of government agencies;
- 4. *Invites* States to help their nationals to obtain information about the restrictions applied in the countries that they propose to visit;
- 5. *Invites* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, within available voluntary contributions, in cooperation with the International Narcotics Control Board and the World Health Organization, to convene a meeting of experts to develop guidelines for national regulations concerning travellers under treatment with internationally controlled drugs, specifically indicating:
 - (a) The types of drug that people under treatment can carry with them;
 - (b) The length of treatment involved and the maximum authorized quantities of drugs;
 - (c) The type of documentation required to demonstrate that the substances were lawfully obtained in the country of origin.

<u>*/</u> For the discussion, see chap. VI, para. 147. 46/ United Nations, Treaty Series , vol. 1019, No. 14956. 47/ United Nations publication, Sal es No. E.01.XI.1, paras. 119-127.