Resolution 51/17

Reducing the demand for and abuse of cannabis

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Concerned that legislative differences between some States with regard to the levels of penalties for cannabis-related offences may be perceived as reducing the restrictions on cannabis, which is under international control, as reported by the International Narcotics Control Board in its reports for 2005,\(^{87}\) 2006\(^{88}\) and 2007,\(^{89}\)

Aware that the international drug control conventions, in particular article 28 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,\(^{90}\) oblige States parties to limit the cultivation of cannabis exclusively for industrial or horticultural purposes,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions in which it called for strict adherence to and implementation of the provisions of the international drug control conventions with respect to cannabis,

1. Calls upon States to ensure national restrictions on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in relation to cannabis;

2. Also calls upon States to comply fully with the provisions of the international drug control conventions with regard to cannabis.

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\(^{89}\) Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2007 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.08.XI.1).