Commission on Narcotic Drugs

61st CND session

5(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances
- Voting procedure -
Consideration of WHO recommendations on the scheduling of substances

1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the 1972 Protocol

1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances

1988 UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
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*of members of the Commission present and voting in favour or against. Abstentions considered as not voting.
Method of voting

• Introductory remarks by WHO (for 1961 and 1971 Conventions)
• Vote on each individual substance by show of hands
• Members of the Commission are called to raise their sign:
  1. votes in favour
  2. votes against
  3. abstentions
• Secretariat counts votes and calls Members to lower sign, Chair declares decision
• Representatives may make brief statements solely in explanation of their vote after voting has been completed
Challenges and future work in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations (E/CN.7/2014/10)