

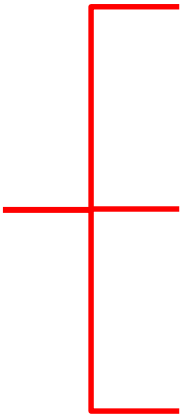
## Commission on Narcotic Drugs



**61<sup>st</sup> CND session**  
**5(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances**  
**- Voting procedure -**

# Consideration of WHO recommendations on the scheduling of substances

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**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

# Required majority

<b>1961 Convention</b>	<b>Simple majority*</b>	Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure of the Functional Commissions of ECOSOC
<b>1971 Convention</b>	<b>Two-thirds majority</b> (35 Members)	Articles 2 and 17 (2) of the 1971 Convention
<b>1988 Convention</b>	<b>Two-thirds majority</b> (35 Members)	Article 12 (5) of the 1988 Convention

\*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

# Resource on scheduling

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Note by the Secretariat

**Challenges and future work in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations ([E/CN.7/2014/10](#))**