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COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

Third Session

ABOLITION OF OPIUM SMOKING IN THE FAR EAST

(Item 15 of the Agenda)

RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS MEETING OF
18 MAY 1948 (AFTERNOON)

THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

RECOMMENDS to the Economic and Social Council to adopt the following resolution and to invite the Secretary-General to transmit it to the Parties to the International Narcotic Conventions.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSIDERING that the report of the third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs reveals that although a number of countries have declared their intention to abolish opium smoking monopolies and to suppress opium smoking in their territories in the Far East, the situation in some Far-Eastern territories in respect of opium smoking has shown little improvement

INVITES all countries in which opium smoking has been at any time prevalent to adopt the policy of suppression, and

REQUESTS those Governments which have declared their intention to suppress opium smoking to forward to the Secretary-General before 31 March of each year a special report on the progress in the preceding year of suppression showing in particular the origin and quantities of imports, if any, of prepared opium or of raw opium for the manufacture of prepared opium, and

FURTHER REQUESTS such Governments forthwith to prohibit the import of raw opium into their territories except for medical and scientific purposes

RECOMMENDS that export authorization should not be issued for the export of opium to countries where opium smoking is still prevalent except for medical and scientific purposes.