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Renewal of the Commission - Measures to be Taken to Ensure
the Continuity of its Functions (Item 4 of the Agenda)

Recommendation Adopted by the Commission on 17 May 1948

The Commission in its discussion of its term of office emphasized the following points which it considered should be brought to the notice of the Council:

- (a) The special character of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs deriving from its functions under the international Conventions;
- (b) The desirability that there should be no interval between the end of the term of office of one Commission and the beginning of the term of office of its successor;
- (c) The experience of the present Commission which has shown that a membership of fifteen is suitable for the efficient execution of its functions and which has also shown the desirability of continuity in its personal membership.

THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

RECOMMENDS to the Economic and Social Council:

1. To renew the members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs every three years at its first session in the year, beginning in 1949.
2. To fix the term of office of the members to run for three years beginning with the opening day of its first meeting and ending on the eve of the first meeting of the session which follows upon the election of their successors.
3. To take the necessary steps to ensure there should be no interval between the end of the term of office of the members of the present Commission and the beginning of the term of office of their successors and also draw the attention of Governments members of this Commission, when appointing representatives for it, to take note of the particular character of the fundamental problems of the international control of narcotic drugs which can be solved only over a period of years.

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