



COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

Report to the Economic and Social Council on the fifth session of the Commission, held at Lake Success, New York, from 1 to 15 December 1950

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- Page 2, paragraph 11, last line: *For* Gooseu *read* Goosen.
- Page 8, paragraph 68, sub-paragraph (4), line 6: *For* its observations *read* the observations.
- Page 11, paragraph 95, lines 3 and 4: *For* paragraph 87 *read* paragraph reference number 87.
Paragraph 95, lines 5 and 6: *For* paragraph 137 *read* paragraph reference number 137.
Paragraph 98, line 5: *For* paragraphs 98 and 101 *read* paragraph reference numbers 98 and 101.
- Page 11, paragraph 114, line 1: *For* paragraph 114 *read* paragraph reference number 114.
Paragraph 107, sub-paragraph (3), last line: *For* paragraph 130 *read* paragraph reference number 130.
Paragraph 108, line 5: *For* paragraphs 124, 126 and 248 *read* paragraph reference numbers 124, 126 and 248.
- Page 13, paragraph 117, line 9: *For* paragraph 154 *read* paragraph reference number 154.
Paragraph 120, line 10: *For* paragraph 188 *read* paragraph reference number 188.
- Page 14, paragraph 127, last line: *For* paragraph 236 *read* paragraph reference number 236.
Paragraph 128, lines 5 and 6: *For* paragraph 234 *read* paragraph reference number 234.
- Page 14, paragraph 129, lines 3 and 4: *For* paragraph 245 *read* paragraph reference number 245.
Paragraph 130, lines 2 and 3: *For* paragraph 250 *read* paragraph reference number 250.
Paragraph 130, lines 5 and 6: *For* paragraph 251 *read* paragraph reference number 251.
Paragraph 131, last line: *For* paragraph 252 *read* paragraph reference number 252.
Paragraph 133, last line: *For* paragraph 265 *read* paragraph reference number 265.
Paragraph 134, line 6: *For* paragraph 271 *read* paragraph reference number 271.
Paragraph 134, last line: *For* paragraph 270 *read* paragraph reference number 270.
Paragraph 135, line 3: *For* paragraph 271 *read* paragraph reference number 271.
- Page 15, paragraph 142, last line: *For* paragraph 289 *read* paragraph reference number 289.
- Page 20, paragraph 186, penultimate line: *For* dialaudide *read* dilaudide.
- Page 23, annex A, section 1, paragraph (4), line 5: *For* its observations *read* the observations.
Annex A, section 3, resolution: After "The Commission on Narcotic Drugs", insert the following paragraph:
"Having considered the report of the United Nations Commission of Enquiry on the Coca Leaf, addressed to the Economic and Social Council,".

CHAPTER VIII

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION
AT ITS EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION

A. Resolutions

- 1 (S-VIII). Guidelines for the exemption of preparations from certain control measures under the provisions of article 3 of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances 25/

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Having taken note of documents MNH/78.1 and MNH/82.51 containing proposals by World Health Organization consultative groups concerning guidelines for granting exemptions under the provisions of article 3 of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,

Having considered the report by the Secretary-General of 16 December 1983 entitled "Review of establishment of guidelines for the exemption of preparations under the provisions of article 3 of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances" (E/CN.7/1984/4),

Recalling its resolutions 2(S-VI) of 19 February 1980 and 5(XXX) of 16 February 1983,

Bearing in mind that decisions taken by it in respect of the termination of an exemption must consider the social and economic conditions pertaining in the country granting the exemption, including the level of development of its national medical services and national drug distribution system,

Convinced of the need for Governments to contribute to the development of further guidelines, in light of the experience gained during the application of the guidelines currently in force,

Approves the following guidelines for use by national authorities, the World Health Organization and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

Guidelines proposed for use by national authorities

(a) A preparation containing a psychotropic substance in association with (i) another psychotropic substance, (ii) a narcotic drug or (iii) a psychoactive substance not under international control with known abuse potential, should not be exempted; nevertheless, exemption of a preparation in any of the three above categories which is compounded in such a manner that it presents a negligible risk of abuse may be envisaged;

(b) A preparation containing a psychotropic substance in association with a narcotic drug listed in Schedule I or II of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, should not be exempted; exemption can only be authorized if the preparation has been listed in Schedule III of that Convention by the Commission, in accordance with the amendment procedure established by the provisions of article 3, paragraph 4, of the Convention;

(c) A preparation containing a psychotropic substance in injectable dosage form should not be exempted;

(d) A preparation containing a psychotropic substance should not be exempted from the provisions of article 10, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances;

(e) A preparation containing a psychotropic substance should not be exempted from the provisions of article 10, paragraph 2, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, unless such exemption would be in keeping with national statutory requirements;

(f) A preparation containing a psychotropic substance should not be exempted from the requirements of article 12 of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances;

(g) Guidelines (d), (e) and (f) notwithstanding, in vitro diagnostic reagents, buffers and analytical standards containing psychotropic substances may be exempted from the provisions of articles 10 and 12 of the 1971 Convention;

Guidelines proposed for use by the World Health Organization

(h) The World Health Organization should not routinely review Parties' notifications of exemptions intended only for domestic use; however, where there is evidence that a specific exemption granted by a competent national authority does not comply with guidelines (a) - (e) above, and might constitute a danger to the public health of the country concerned, the World Health Organization should immediately draw the attention of the competent national authority to the possible public health hazard and advise the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of its action in this regard. If, however, there is evidence that such exemption constitutes a danger to another country, the World Health Organization should proceed to examine the exemption as a matter of urgency.

2(S-VIII). Procedure to be followed in collecting data on opioid agonists and antagonists in view of their possible scheduling under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 26/

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the decision taken at its eighth special session to place pentazocine under international control,

Aware that pentazocine is one of a number of substances of similar properties generally known as opioid agonists and antagonists,

Aware also of the argument that these substances, while similar in some respects to substances scheduled under the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, are similar in many more respects to substances scheduled under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,