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**Implementation of the international drug control treaties:
changes in the scope of control of substances**

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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

I. Consideration of notifications recommending scheduling under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol

Inclusion of dihydroetorphine and remifentanil in Schedule I

1. Since 15 February 1999, two additional responses have been received to the note dated 11 November 1998 from the Secretary-General, from the Governments of Austria and Germany. Both Governments support the recommendation of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the inclusion of the substances dihydroetorphine and remifentanil in Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961.¹

* E/CN.7/1999/1.

II. Notifications recommending scheduling or amendment to the Schedules under the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971

A. The proposal of the Government of Spain to amend Schedules I and II related, in particular, to the inclusion of isomers, esters and ethers, and salts of those esters, ethers and isomers

2. The Government of Germany concurs with the position of WHO not to recommend the amendment of Schedules I and II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1991² to extend international controls collectively to esters, ethers and analogues of controlled substances.

3. With regard to the assessment of WHO regarding the amendment of Schedules I and II of the 1971 Convention in order to include isomers and stereoisomers, the Government of Germany recommends the revision of the chemical names of the substances in those Schedules in accordance with the 1993 Regulations of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

B. Inclusion of *l*-ephedrine and the racemate *d,l*-ephedrine in Schedule IV

4. With regard to the recommendation to include *l*-ephedrine and *d,l*-ephedrine in Schedule IV of the 1971 Convention, the Government of Germany was still reviewing its position in view of the far-reaching consequences that decision would have for the pharmaceutical market on the one hand and the need for effective control measures against the transnational diversion of ephedrine for the illicit market on the other. A decision will be taken before the session of the Commission.

Notes

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.