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Reducing the demand for illicit drugs

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Concerned that some States permit the use of substances that are under international control, as reported by the International Narcotics Control Board in its reports for 2005,¹ 2006² and 2007,³

Aware that allowing the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for non-medical purposes is contrary to the provisions of the international drug control conventions,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions in which it called for strict adherence to the provisions of the international drug control conventions and the criminalization of drug abuse pursuant to those conventions,

1. *Calls upon* States to maintain the restrictions on the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and to uphold the established policies on the criminalization of the use of illicit drugs, allowing such drugs to be used for medical or scientific purposes only;

2. *Also calls upon* States to comply fully with the provisions of the international drug control conventions with regard to cannabis and to take additional measures to criminalize the cultivation of cannabis, including for personal consumption, and to prosecute those engaging in such cultivation.

¹ *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.06.XI.2).

² *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2006* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.07.XI.11).

³ *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2007* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.08.XI.1).

