Conferences of the World Health Organization - WHA20.42 Control Measures for LSD and Related Substances

The Twentieth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report by the Director-General on control measures for certain dependence producing drugs;

Noting the resolution on LSD and similar substances recommended by the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs for adoption by the Economic and Social Council;¹ and

Recalling the recommendations of the WHO Expert Committee on Addiction Producing Drugs,²

1. CONSIDERS that the increasing abuse of LSD and related hallucinogenic substances with their inherent risk to the health of the individual and society calls for effective counter measures;

2. URGES Member States

   (i) to restrict the use of these substances to scientific and special medical purposes;

   (ii) to provide for the supervision, by competent health authorities, of the production, distribution and conditions of use of these substances;

   (iii) to support the above control measures by suitable educational programmes aimed at prevention of the uncontrolled use of harmful dependence producing drugs of hallucinogenic type; and

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue to cooperate with the appropriate bodies of the United Nations in examining the feasibility of international control of these substances.

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