The Twentieth World Health Assembly,

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

Noting with great concern the increasing abuse of certain dependence producing psychotropic drugs of the sedative and stimulant types which are not yet under international control;

Referring to the recommendations of the WHO Expert Committee on Dependence Producing Drugs;¹

Recalling the conclusions of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs;² and

Realizing the immediate need of coordinated national measures of control,

¹ URGES Member States that have not yet done so to place on medical prescription, without delay, those drugs of the sedative and stimulant types which have been found to be dependence producing and have been shown to be abused, and to supervise carefully compliance with this measure;

2. RECOMMENDS that Member States provide, in regard to those drugs, for

(i) supervision of transactions from production to retail trade;

(ii) licensing of all producers;

(iii) limitation of trade to authorized persons;

(iv) prohibition of possession without authorization; and

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue his consultations with the United Nations and the Permanent Central Narcotics Board on the possibilities of establishing international control measures for the drugs in question.

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