The Twenty-first World Health Assembly,

Having received information concerning the increasing misuse, especially by young people, of central nervous system stimulants of the amphetamine type;

Considering the special problems of abuse of such stimulants, as reported by certain Member States;

Deeply concerned at the continuing and spreading problem posed by the abuse of psychotropic substances not under international control;

Recognizing the responsibilities of the World Health Organization and other competent organs within the framework of the United Nations in combating the very serious problems of drug abuse;

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Eighteenth and Twentieth World Health Assemblies relating to control measures for psychotropic drugs;

Reiterating the high importance it attaches to the adoption and strict application by Member States of the measures of national control recommended in the aforementioned resolutions; and

Recognizing the need for urgent consideration of measures of international control of psychotropic substances,

1. NOTES that the Secretary General of the United Nations, at the request of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs, has circulated to governments a questionnaire seeking information on existing control measures and on the need for, and nature of, national and international controls for psychotropic substances;

2. NOTES further that replies from governments to the aforementioned questionnaire must reach the Secretary General by 15 June 1968, so as to enable the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs to proceed without delay to the completion of a draft of an international instrument for control of psychotropic substances;

3. NOTES also that the Director-General of the World Health Organization is prepared to advise the Secretary General of the United Nations in the elaboration of such a draft international instrument, and in the identification of drugs that would be controlled thereunder;

4. WELCOMES the action which the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is already taking and expresses the hope that the Commission will propose effective measures of international control of psychotropic substances at its next session;

5. EXPRESSES the view that agreement should be reached as quickly as possible on effective international control provisions; and

6. URGES Member States to adopt the national controls earlier recommended by the Twentieth World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA20.43, and currently under discussion in the Economic and Social Council, pending the development and implementation of any necessary international instruments.

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