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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the scheduling of substances under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by 1972 Protocol and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971

1. The UN Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and the UN Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 ('the Conventions') are the main international drug control treaties, together with the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.
2. States parties to the Conventions are required to ensure that the mandatory control measures are applied to the substances listed in the Schedules annexed thereto. The purpose of this listing is to control and limit the use of these drugs according to a classification of their therapeutic value, risk of abuse and health dangers, and to minimise the diversion of precursor chemicals to illegal drug manufacturers.
3. Decisions to change the scope of control of substances are taken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), through decisions to make certain changes to the Schedules of the Conventions, following recommendations from the World Health Organisation.

4. The CND, during its sixty-second session of 18 to 22 March 2019 in Vienna, is to adopt decisions on the scheduling of substances under the Conventions.
5. On 7 January 2019, Commission tabled the proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the 62nd CND session on the scheduling of substances under the Conventions (doc. 5065/19 + ADD1 CORDROGUE 1 SAN 1 RELEX 3).
6. The Commission proposal was analysed at the meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs (HDG) on 14-15 January 2019 and on 7-8 February 2019. The revised version of the proposal contained in doc. 6533/1/19 REV 1 was endorsed by the HDG on 28 February-1 March 2019.
7. **As a consequence, the Council is requested to adopt the draft Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the scheduling of substances under the United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and under the United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, as outlined in doc. 6576/19 CORDROGUE 8 SAN 92 RELEX 148.**