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Position to be taken by the Member States which are members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, acting jointly, in the interest of the Union during the sixty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs from 2 to 6 March 2020 regarding changes in the scope of control of substances:

- (1) Cannabis and cannabis resin is to be deleted from Schedule IV of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961);
- (2) Dronabinol (*delta-9*-tetrahydrocannabinol) is to be added to Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961) and, if this recommendation is adopted, to be deleted from Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances (1971). Alternatively, the recommendation should not be put to vote and further assessment by WHO should be requested;
- Tetrahydrocannabinol (isomers of *delta-9*-tetrahydrocannabinol) is to be added to Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961) subject to the CND's adoption of the recommendation to add dronabinol and its stereoisomers (*delta-9*-tetrahydrocannabinol) to Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961), and, if this recommendation is adopted, is to be deleted from Schedule I of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances (1971). Alternatively, the recommendation should not be put to vote and further assessment by WHO should be requested;
- (4) The recommendation on extracts and tinctures should not be put to vote and further assessment by WHO should be requested;
- (5) The recommendation on the footnote reading "Preparations containing predominantly cannabidiol and not more than 0.2 percent of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol are not under international control" should not be put to vote and further assessment by WHO should be requested;
- (6) Preparations produced either by chemical synthesis or as preparation of cannabis, that are compounded as pharmaceutical preparations with one or more other ingredients and in such a way that delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (dronabinol) cannot be recovered by readily available means or in a yield which would constitute a risk to public health shall not be added to Schedule III of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961). Alternatively, the recommendation should not be put to vote and further assessment by WHO should be requested.