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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to [REDACTED] and, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 7, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, as well as in accordance with article 2, paragraph 7, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, has the honour to communicate, in the attached annex, the texts of Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) decisions 63/17, 63/18, 63/19, 63/20, and 63/21 on the scheduling recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) (Expert Committee on Drug Dependence) on cannabis and cannabis-related substances, taken at the Commission's reconvened sixty-third session on 2 December 2020:

By its **decision 63/17**, the Commission decided to delete cannabis and cannabis resin from Schedule IV of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol;

By its **decision 63/18**, the Commission decided not to add dronabinol and its stereoisomers (*delta*-9-tetrahydrocannabinol) to Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol;

By its **decision 63/19**, the Commission decided not to delete extracts and tinctures of cannabis from Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol;

By its **decision 63/20**, the Commission decided not to add a footnote to the entry for cannabis and cannabis resin in Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, to read "Preparations containing predominantly cannabidiol and not more than 0.2 per cent of *delta*-9-tetrahydrocannabinol are not under international control";

By its **decision 63/21**, the Commission decided not to add preparations containing *delta*-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (dronabinol), produced either by chemical synthesis or as preparations 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 to Schedule III of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol.

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In accordance with article 3, paragraph 7, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, **decision 63/17** shall become effective with respect to each Party on the date of its receipt of the present notification, and the Parties shall thereupon take such action as may be required under this Convention.

The report on the reconvened session of CND will be made available in the six official languages on the following website:

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/session/63Reconvened_Session_2020/reconvened-session-63-of-the-commission-on-narcotic-drugs.html

Furthermore, the revised schedules of narcotic drugs under international control (ST/CND/1/Add.1/Rev.7) will be posted on the following website:
<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/conventions.html>.

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the assurances of its highest consideration.



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