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CND Res.42/1. Voluntary international control of norephedrine

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recognizing that the illicit manufacture of amphetamine-type stimulants continues to be a serious global issue,

Reaffirming that prevention of the diversion of precursor chemicals is one of the most effective means of curtailing the illicit manufacture of drugs,

Noting that increased control of the precursor chemicals ephedrine and pseudoephedrine has had a significant impact upon their availability for the illicit production of methamphetamine,

Noting with concern that increased trafficking and diversion of norephedrine for use as a substitute in the illicit production of amphetamine-type stimulants has been observed,

Noting also that until international control of norephedrine is implemented, diversion of norephedrine will continue and most likely increase,

Noting further that norephedrine has been added to the limited international special surveillance list of non-scheduled substances established by the International Narcotics Control Board,

Recognizing the legitimate use of norephedrine in pharmaceutical products,

1. Requests Governments to recognize the danger of diversion of norephedrine as a precursor;
2. Urges all Governments, in close cooperation with the International Narcotics Control Board and relevant branches of trade and industry, to establish or strengthen measures and codes of conduct governing trade in norephedrine, in accordance with their national legislation, to prevent the illegal diversion of norephedrine as a precursor;
3. Calls for vigilance on the part of all Governments in monitoring suspicious movements of norephedrine;
4. Urges Governments, to the extent possible under their national laws to initiate pre-export notification of norephedrine shipments between counterpart government agencies in exporting, importing and transit countries;
5. Urges all Governments, to the extent possible under their national laws, to collect information on the extent of the licit production of, trade in and use of norephedrine, and to provide such information to the International Narcotics Control Board.

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