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# CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

TREATY No. 35 RECHERCHÉ DES TRAITÉS  
PREAMBLE

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*The parties,*

*Being concerned* with the health and welfare of mankind,

*Noting* with concern the public health and social problems resulting from the abuse of certain psychotropic substances,

*Determined* to prevent and combat abuse of such substances and the illicit traffic to which it gives rise,

*Considering* that rigorous measures are necessary to restrict the use of such substances to legitimate purposes,

*Recognizing* that the use of psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes is indispensable and that their availability for such purposes should not be unduly restricted,

*Believing* that effective measures against abuse of such substances require co-ordination and universal action,

*Acknowledging* the competence of the United Nations in the field of control of psychotropic substances and desirous that the international organs concerned should be within the framework of that Organization,

*Recognizing* that an international convention is necessary to achieve these purposes,

*Agree as follows:*

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