

grant the extradition in cases where the competent authorities consider that the offence is not sufficiently serious."

ARTICLE 15

Amendments to article 38 of the Single Convention and its title

Article 38 of the Single Convention and its title shall be amended to read as follows:

"Measures against the Abuse of Drugs

1. The Parties shall give special attention to *and take all practicable measures for the prevention of abuse of drugs and for the early identification, treatment, education, after-care, rehabilitation and social reintegration of the persons involved and shall co-ordinate their efforts to these ends.*

2. *The Parties shall as far as possible promote the training of personnel in the treatment, after-care, rehabilitation and social reintegration of abusers of drugs.*

3. *The Parties shall take all practicable measures to assist persons whose work so requires to gain an understanding of the problems of abuse of drugs and of its prevention, and shall also promote such understanding among the general public if there is a risk that abuse of drugs will become widespread."*

ARTICLE 16

New article 38 bis

The following new article shall be inserted after article 38 of the Single Convention.

"ARTICLE 38 BIS

Agreements on Regional Centres

If a Party considers it desirable as part of its action against the illicit traffic in drugs, having due regard to its constitutional, legal and administrative systems, and, if it so desires, with the technical advice of the Board or the specialized agencies, it shall promote the establishment, in consultation with other interested Parties in the region, of agreements which contemplate the development of regional centres for scientific research and education to combat the problems resulting from the illicit use of and traffic in drugs."

ARTICLE 17

Languages of the Protocol and procedure for signature, ratification and accession

1. This Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be open for signature until 31 December 1972 on behalf of any Party or signatory to the Single Convention.