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Conscious of their duty to prevent and combat evil,
 Considering that effective measures against abuse of narcotic drugs require
 co-ordinated and universal action,
 Understanding that such universal action calls for international co-operation
 guided by the same principles and aimed at common objectives,
 Acknowledging the competence of the United Nations in the field of
 narcotics control and desiring that the international organs concerned should be
 within the framework of that Organization,
 Desiring to conclude a generally acceptable international convention regular-
 ing the existing treaties on narcotic drugs, limiting such drugs to medical and
 scientific use, and providing for continuous international co-operation and
 control for the achievement of such aims and objectives,

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1

Definitions

1. Except where otherwise expressly indicated or where the context
 otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply throughout the Conven-
 tion:
- (a) "Board" means the International Narcotics Control Board;
 - (b) "Cannabis" means the flowering or fruiting tops of the cannabis plant
 (excluding the seeds and leaves when not accompanied by the tops)
 from which the resin has not been extracted, by whatever name they
 may be designated;
 - (c) "Cannabis plant" means any plant of the genus *cannabis*;
 - (d) "Cannabis resin" means the separated resin, whether crude or purified,
 obtained from the cannabis plant as defined in article 1(b);
 - (e) "Coca bush" means the plant of any species of the genus *erythroxylon*;
 - (f) "Coca leaf" means the leaf of the coca bush except a leaf from which all
 ecgonine, cocaine and any other ecgonine alkaloids have been
 removed.