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**Implementation of the international drug control treaties****Provisions regarding travellers under medical treatment with drugs containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances under international control****Report of the Executive Director**

1. The present report has been prepared pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 46/6, entitled "Provisions regarding travellers under medical treatment with drugs containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances under international control", in which the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to it at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the resolution.

2. In its resolution 44/15, the Commission invited the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in cooperation with the International Narcotics Control Board and the World Health Organization, to convene a meeting of experts to develop guidelines for national regulations concerning travellers under treatment with internationally controlled drugs.

3. Pursuant to Commission resolution 44/15, a meeting of experts was convened in Vienna from 12 to 14 February 2002 to develop guidelines to assist national authorities in introducing a regulatory framework to deal with situations in which patients travelling abroad carried with them small quantities of medical preparations containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Such regulations would enhance the security of patients by making them aware of national requirements in the countries that they intended to visit. The guidelines also presented unified procedures that could be implemented by national authorities responsible for the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Wide application of those procedures would facilitate both the disclosure of relevant information through the

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International Narcotics Control Board and the work of government authorities. However, countries may implement the guidelines only partially or with suitable modifications, depending on their legal requirements and practical considerations.

4. In its resolution 46/6, the Commission welcomed the guidelines prepared by the meeting of experts convened pursuant to Commission resolution 44/15, and urged the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to communicate them to States parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,<sup>1</sup> that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol<sup>2</sup> and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.<sup>3</sup> The guidelines have accordingly been published in the form of a multilingual booklet, in the six official languages of the United Nations, and have been distributed to the competent national authorities designated by parties under article 18 of the 1961 Convention and article 16 of the 1971 Convention (authorities for health and pharmaceutical affairs). The guidelines have also been made available in English, French and Spanish on the web site of the International Narcotics Control Board ([www.incb.org](http://www.incb.org)).

5. In its resolution 46/6, the Commission strongly encouraged States parties to the 1961 Convention, that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol and the 1971 Convention to notify the International Narcotics Control Board of restrictions currently applicable in their territory to travellers under medical treatment with drugs containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances under international control. The Board has also invited Governments to do so in its annual reports for 2001,<sup>4</sup> 2002<sup>5</sup> and 2003.<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to the request by the Commission in its resolution 46/6, the Board intends to publish regularly details of such communications in the relevant parts of the list of narcotic drugs under international control (the “Yellow List”) or the list of psychotropic substances under international control (the “Green List”). To ensure timely and wide dissemination of that information, restrictions will also be published on the web site of the International Narcotics Control Board. No notification of such restrictions has so far been received by the Board.

#### *Notes*

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.XI.1, paras. 163 and 164.

<sup>5</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.XI.1, paras. 149-151.

<sup>6</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.04.XI.1, paras. 149 and 150.