

THIRTEENTH REPORT

structure of norpipanone bears an extremely close relationship to that of other drugs known to be addiction producing.¹ Consequently the Committee was of the opinion that norpipanone must be considered to be an addiction-producing drug comparable to morphine and that norpipanone and its salts should fall under the regime laid down in the 1931 Convention for the drugs specified in Article 1, paragraph 2, Group I. Therefore,

The WHO Expert Committee on Addiction-Producing Drugs

RECOMMENDS that its opinion with respect to norpipanone and its salts be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1.5 Dextropropoxyphene²

The Committee considered again the evidence with respect to the abuse liability of dextropropoxyphene.³ It concluded that on the basis of five years of marketing experience and repeated observations at the Addiction Research Center, Lexington, Ky., USA, in comparison with other substances, the risk of dextropropoxyphene to public health appeared to be sufficiently low as not now to require international narcotics control.

2. Work of International Bodies concerned with Narcotic Drugs

2.1 The reports of the seventeenth⁴ and eighteenth⁵ sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the Economic and Social Council, the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council,⁶ and the reports of the Permanent Central Opium Board^{7, 8} and Drug Supervisory Body⁹ were

¹ *Wld Hlth Org. techn. Rep. Ser.*, 1956, 102, 10 (section 5.2.3).

² International non-proprietary name for (+)-4-dimethylamino-3-methyl-1,2-diphenyl-2-propionoxybutane.

³ *Wld Hlth Org. techn. Rep. Ser.*, 1958, 142, 7 (section 5.1.3).

⁴ United Nations, Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1962) *Report of the Seventeenth Session (May-June 1962)*—(Economic and Social Council. *Official Records: thirty-fourth session. Supplement No. 9*), Geneva (Document E/3648).

⁵ United Nations, Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1963) *Report of the Eighteenth Session (April-May 1963)*—(Economic and Social Council. *Official Records: thirty-sixth session. Supplement No. 9*), Geneva (Document E/3773).

⁶ United Nations, Economic and Social Council (1963) *Official Records: thirty-sixth session, 2 July - 2 August 1963. Supplement No. 1: Resolutions*, Geneva, p. 21 (Document E/3816).

⁷ United Nations, Permanent Central Opium Board (1961) *Report to the Economic and Social Council on the Work of the Board in 1961*, Geneva (Document E/OB/17).

⁸ United Nations, Permanent Central Opium Board (1962) *Report to the Economic and Social Council on the Work of the Board in 1962*, Geneva (Document E/OB/18).

⁹ United Nations, Drug Supervisory Body (1961, 1962) *Estimated World Requirements for Narcotic Drugs in 1962 and 1963*, Geneva (Documents E/DSB/19 & 20).