

International Drug Conventions

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Mutually supportive & complementary

- 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1971 protocol
- Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971
- United Nations Convention against illicit traffic in narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988
- Codify internationally applicable control measures to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes, and to prevent their diversion into illicit channels.
- General provisions of trafficking and drug abuse.

Article 38.2

- Promotes training of personnel rendering care to patients with addiction.
- Treatment, aftercare, rehabilitation and social integration of abusers of drugs.

Article 4c

- All controlled drugs are expressly restricted to medical and scientific purposes

Article 38.1

- Practicable measures for the prevention of abuse of drugs

Article 38.3

- All personnel in a state who are engaged in related work in addition to the general public must be assisted to promote education when widespread use is a risk

Article 3.4 (a) to (d)

- Provides flexibility in penal sanctions for offences when personal consumption is intended, alternative to conviction and punishment
- Education, treatment, aftercare, rehabilitation or social integration are eg of alternatives

Article 23 and 28 of Single Convention

- Establishment of a cannabis or opium agency to control, supervise and licence cultivation for medical and scientific purposes.

Article 2 and 22 of Single Convention

- Protect the public health and prevent illicit trafficking and illicit cultivation on state territories

Article 3 of the 1961 Convention

- Provides for state parties to apply for rescheduling of controlled substances.

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