## COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

## RESOLUTION (76) 38

## ON RESEARCH ON DRUG ABUSE

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 23 September 1976 at the 260th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

Considering that drug abuse remains a serious problem in member states;

Recognising the necessity of ascertaining by research the scope and nature of the various forms of drug abuse as well as its effects on the physical and mental health of abusers and on their social behaviour;

Bearing in mind the desirability of having more information on the effects of different types of action against drug abuse and related behaviour;

Having regard to the usefulness in certain cases of a common approach by member states in the field of research;

Recognising the importance of the work in the field of drug abuse of the United Nations and other international organisations;

Having regard to the conclusions of the 11th Conference of Directors of Criminological Research Institutes as well as to Resolution (73) 6 on penal aspects of drug abuse,

Recommends that governments of member states:

- 1. Encourage research in the field of drug abuse and, in particular:
  - i. studies of the official data and on the dark figure of drug abuse;
  - ii. studies of patterns of delinquency relating to drug abuse;
  - iii. studies of the natural history of representative samples of drug abusers;
  - iv. studies of the effects of legislation on the development of the drug phenomenon;
- v. studies of the effects of drugs on the driving of a vehicle and on methods to detect drug abuse by drivers;
- 2. Secure dissemination of the results of such studies as might be undertaken in order that these results be taken into consideration when relevant legislative or administrative measures are being prepared;

Invites the governments which undertake, commission or support research on any of the topics mentioned above to inform the Secretary General of the Council of Europe if they wish meetings to be organised by the Council of Europe of their research workers and research workers from other member states involved in similar work in order to identify common criteria, obtain comparable data and results and exchange experience on the topics concerned.