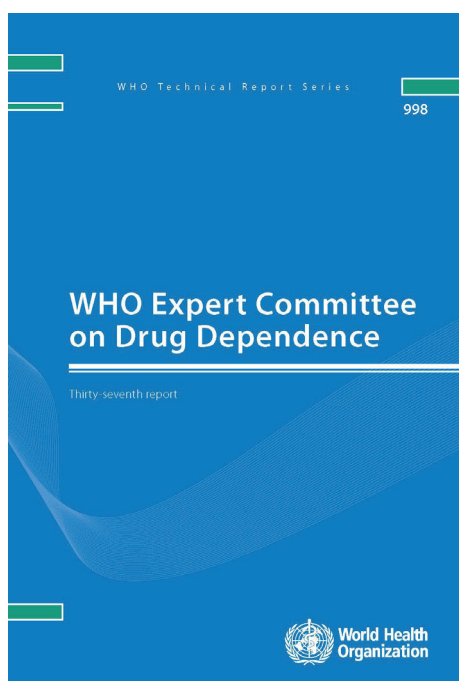

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This report presents the recommendations of the thirty-seventh meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence. The report summarizes the review of nine substances and the ECDD's recommendations for the scheduling of seven substances. The report also provides updates on ketamine and cannabis, as requested by resolutions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. It contains updates on the work of international bodies concerned with controlled substances, as well as summaries of the follow-up discussions on recommendations made at the previous ECDD meeting, and on the discussions on criteria for assessing new psychoactive substances and on terminology.

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