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BOARD REGULATION No. 11
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SUBJECT: Inclusion of phenazepam in the List of Dangerous Drugs

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to the 1971 United Nations Single Convention on Psychotropic Substances ("1971 UN Convention") which seeks to promote cooperation among states in order to address more effectively the various aspects of illicit traffic of psychotropic substances;

WHEREAS, phenazepam has been shown to have effects similar to diazepam and many other benzodiazepines listed under Schedule IV of the 1971 Convention;

WHEREAS, according to the Critical Review Report conducted by the World Health Organization, phenazepam was first synthesized and developed in 1975 in the former Soviet Union where it became one of the most prescribed benzodiazepines to treat sleep disorder, anxiety, alcohol use disorder and epilepsy, but the substance has not been licensed elsewhere in the world;

WHEREAS, the same Report also states that phenazepam diminishes anxiety, convulsions and locomotor activity and is more potent than diazepam, with more severe and longer lasting adverse effects;

WHEREAS, phenazepam is prone to non – medical use, abuse and dependence as it may be used to enhance the euphoric effects of opioids, to alleviate withdrawal or abstinence syndromes to temper cocaine highs, and to augment the effects of alcohol;

WHEREAS, phenazepam is not a 'party drug' but is used by individuals who already have ample experience with other drugs such as heroin, methadone and/or other opioids;

WHEREAS, during the 59th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on March 2016, it was agreed that phenazepam be included in Schedule IV of the 1971 UN Convention;

WHEREAS, during the Caucus of the Board held on 13 October 2016, the matter was presented, and was, thereafter, agreed upon that it be subjected to *Ad Referendum*;

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, at least nine (9) Members of the Board constituting a majority thereof had indicated and signed their agreement with the recommendations.

WHEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to adopt the decision of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and include phenazepam in the list of dangerous drugs and shall be subject to all regulatory and control measures provided for in Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Dangerous Drugs Board.

This Regulation shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and after registration with the Office of National Administrative Register (ONAR), UP Law Center, Quezon City

APPROVED and **ADOPTED**, this 8th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, 2016 in Quezon City.



Secretary BENJAMIN P. REYES
Chairman, Dangerous Drugs Board

Attested by:



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