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The Prime Minister;

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda of 04 June 2003 as amended to date, especially in Articles 119, 121 and 201;

Pursuant to Law n° 03/2012 of 15/02/2012 governing Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors in Rwanda, especially in Article 26;

On proposal by the Minister of Health;

After consideration and approval by the Cabinet, in its session of 20/03/2015;

HEREBY ORDERS:

Chapter One General provisions

Article One – Purpose of this Order

This Order establishes the inter-ministerial committee, responsible for formulating, monitoring and evaluating policies related to the fight against illicit use of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, hereinafter the “Committee” and determines its organization and functioning.

Article 2 – Head office of the Committee

The head office of the Committee is in the City of Kigali, the Capital of the Republic of Rwanda. However, if considered necessary, it may relocate to any other place in the country after consultation and approval by the Minister in charge of health.

Chapter II Organisation and functioning of the Committee

Article 3 – Supervising authority of the Committee

The Committee shall be supervised by the Office of the Prime Minister.

Article 4 – Mission of the Committee

The Committee shall have the mission of preventing drug abuse and prohibiting the illicit use of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors.

Article 5 – Responsibilities of the Committee

In order to fulfill its mission, the Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- 1° to advise the Government on decisions concerning the fight against narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, their production, procurement, distribution and use;
- 2° to conduct research on the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances on national and international levels;
- 3° to put in place strategies for cooperation between the Committee and other similar regional or international institutions;
- 4° to plan, prepare and coordinate trainings for the personnel involved in the fight against narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
- 5° to advise the Government on proper measures to adopt in terms of investigating and take corrective measures against manufacturers, dispensers and users of illicit narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
- 6° collaborate with competent authorities in preventing and prohibiting illicit traffic of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
- 7° regularly update the list of drinks and other unauthorised substances classified as narcotic in Rwanda and accordingly inform the Ministry of Health in order to take appropriate measures.

Article 6 – Organs of the Committee

The Committee is composed of three (3) following organs:

- 1° Executive Committee;
- 2° Committee of Experts;
- 3° Secretariat.

Article 7 – Composition of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of the following:

- 1° Chairperson of the Committee;
- 2° Vice Chairperson of the Committee;
- 3° Secretary of the Committee.

Article 8 – Composition of Committee of Experts

The Committee of Experts is composed of the following representatives:

- 1° two (2) representatives from the Ministry in charge of health;
- 2° a representative from the Ministry in charge of National Police;
- 3° a representative from the Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration;

- 4° a representative from the Ministry in charge of local government;
- 5° a representative from the Ministry in charge of defense;
- 6° a representative of the Ministry in charge of trade and industry;
- 7° a representative from the Ministry in charge of foreign affairs;
- 8° a representative from the Ministry in charge of agriculture;
- 9° a representative from the Ministry in charge of justice;
- 10° a representative from the Ministry of East African Community;
- 11° a representative from the Ministry in charge of Education;
- 12° a representative from the Ministry having Youth;
- 13° a representative from the Ministry having sports in its attributions;
- 14° a representative from the Ministry in charge of gender and family promotion.

Article 9 – Elections of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

The first meeting shall be convened and chaired by the Minister of Health to elect the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Committee.

The internal rules and regulations shall determine the election modalities and responsibilities of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Committee.

Article 10 – Term of office of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

The term of office of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be three (3) years which may be renewed only once.

To fulfill their responsibilities, the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson are assisted by the secretariat of the Committee.

Article 11 – Sub-committees of the Committee

In order to fulfill its mission, the Committee may establish subcommittees if considered necessary. The internal rules and regulation of the Committee shall determines their responsibilities.

Article 12 – Meetings of the Committee

The Chairperson convenes ordinary meetings of the Committee within fifteen (15) working days before the day of the meeting.

When the Chairperson is unable to convene the meeting of the Committee, the Deputy-chairperson may convene the meeting.

Ordinary meetings of the Committee convene at least once in three (3) months.

However, members of the Committee may be invited to an extraordinary meeting when considered necessary.

Article 13 – Secretary of the Committee

The Ministry in charge of Health shall designate a permanent secretariat of the Committee.

Article 14 – Budget of the Committee

The budget of the Committee shall come from the Ministry in charge of Health.

Article 15 – Internal rules and regulations of the Committee

The Committee shall prepare and approve its internal rules and regulations.

Chapter III Final provisions

Article 16 – Repealing provision

All prior provisions contrary to this Order are hereby repealed.

Article 17 – Commencement

This Order shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official *Gazette* of the Republic of Rwanda.