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**EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES OF COMPETITIVENESS IN CONTROL SYSTEMS AND MODELS FOR SAFE AND INFORMED ACCESS TO CANNABIS AND OTHER CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES FOR MEDICINAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES**

Panel: Experiences and challenges of
competitiveness in control systems and models
for safe and informed access to cannabis and
other controlled substances for medicinal and
scientific purposes

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Spectrum of psychoactive substance use

Casual/Non problematic use

- Recreational, casual or any other that has a negligible health or social effects

Chronic dependence

- Use that has become habitual and compulsive despite negative health or social impact

Beneficial use

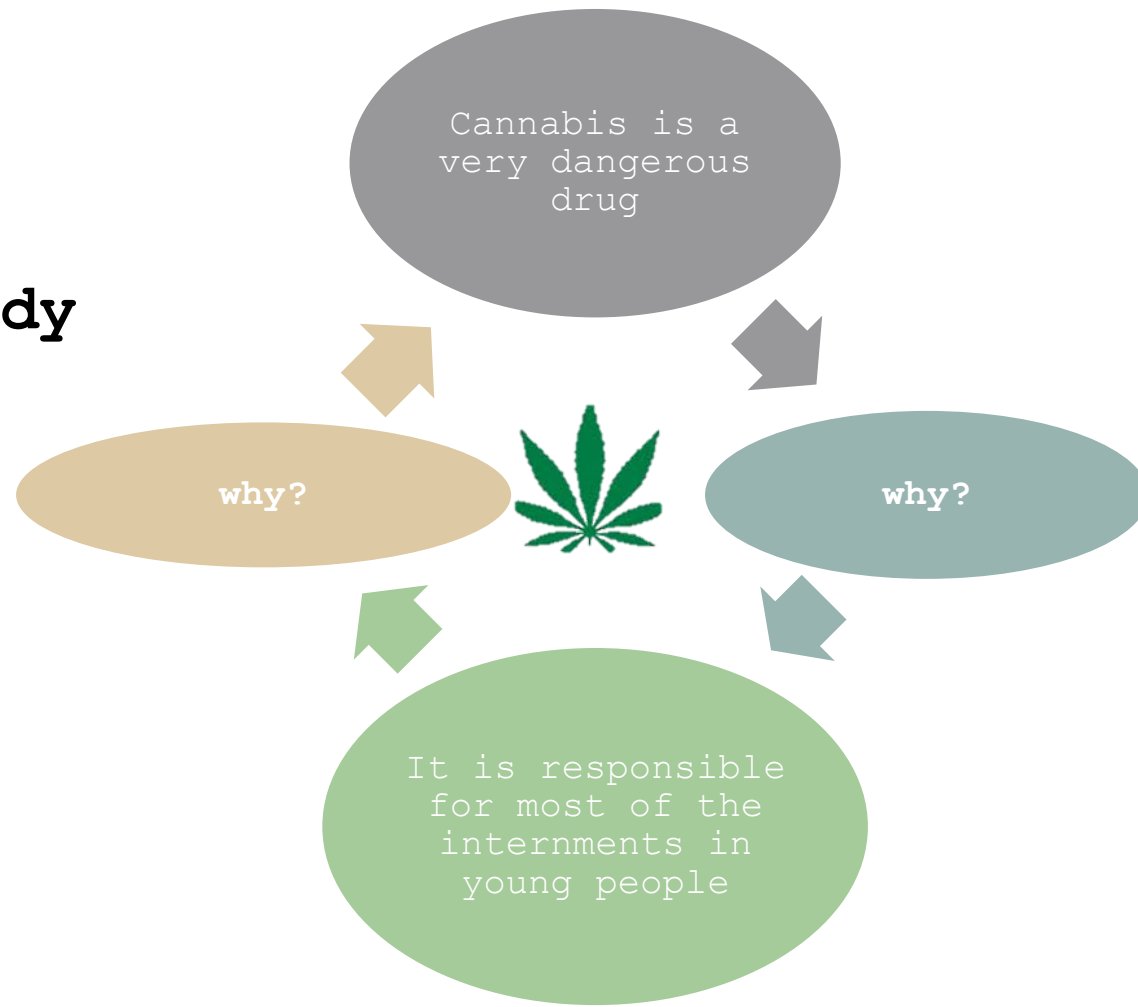
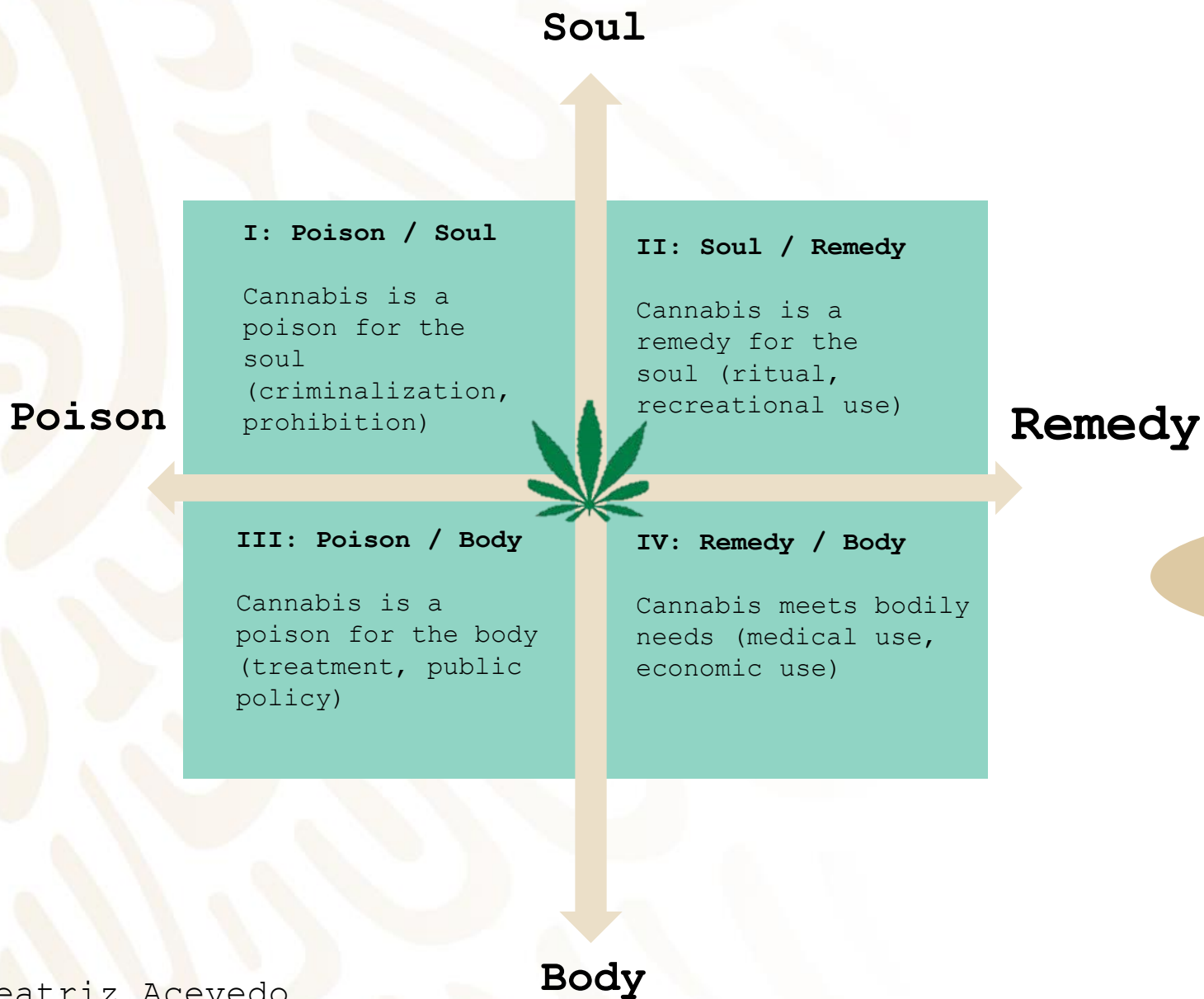
- Use with positive impact on health, spiritual and social:
 - E.g. Pharmaceutical drugs; use of coffee or tea to increase alertness; moderate consumption of red wine; religious use of ayahuasca or peyote

Problematic use

- Use that begins to have negative consequences for individuals, friends, family or society:
 - E.g. impaired driving, binge consumption, harmful routes of administration.

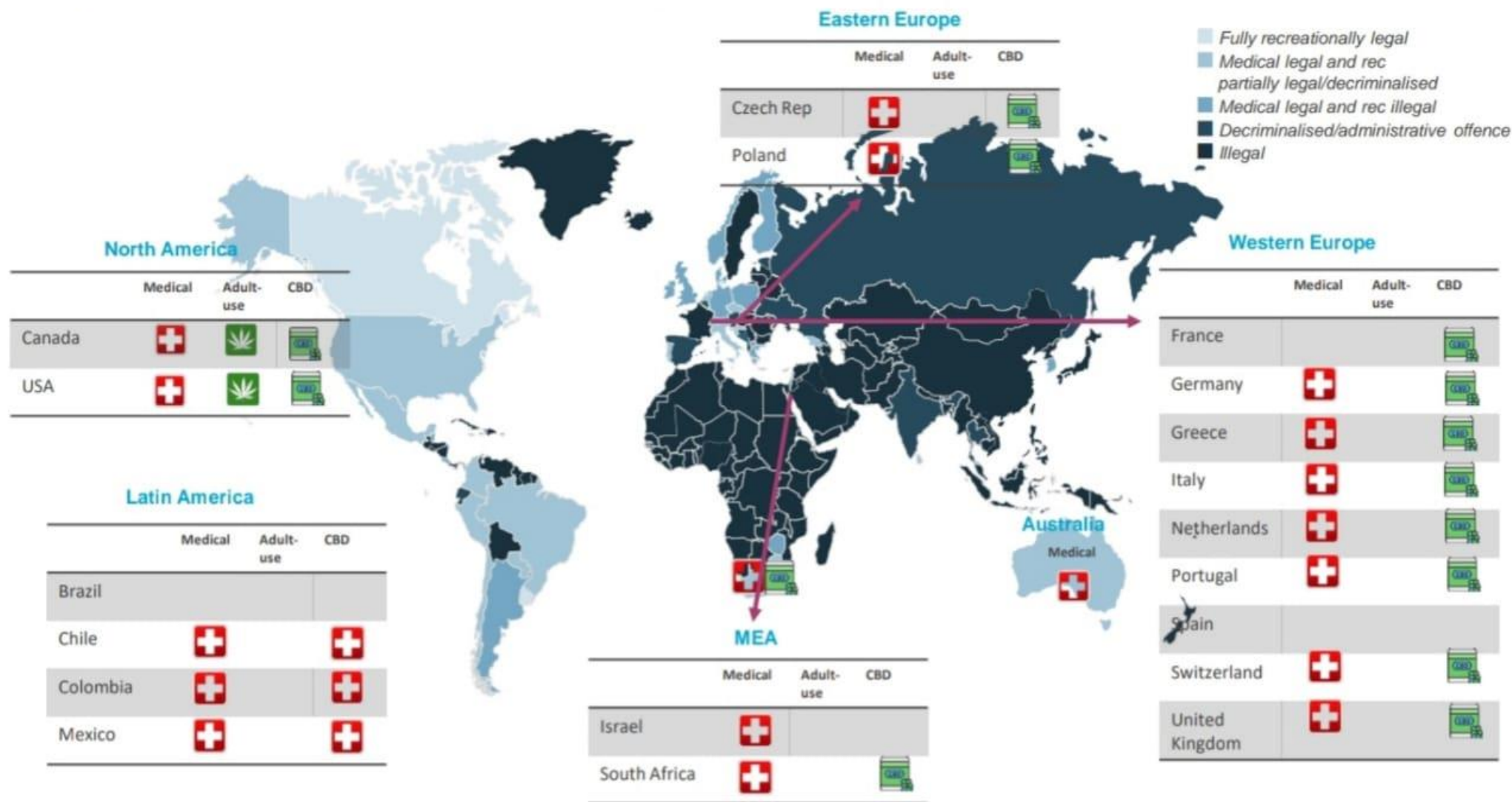


Perspectives on cannabis use

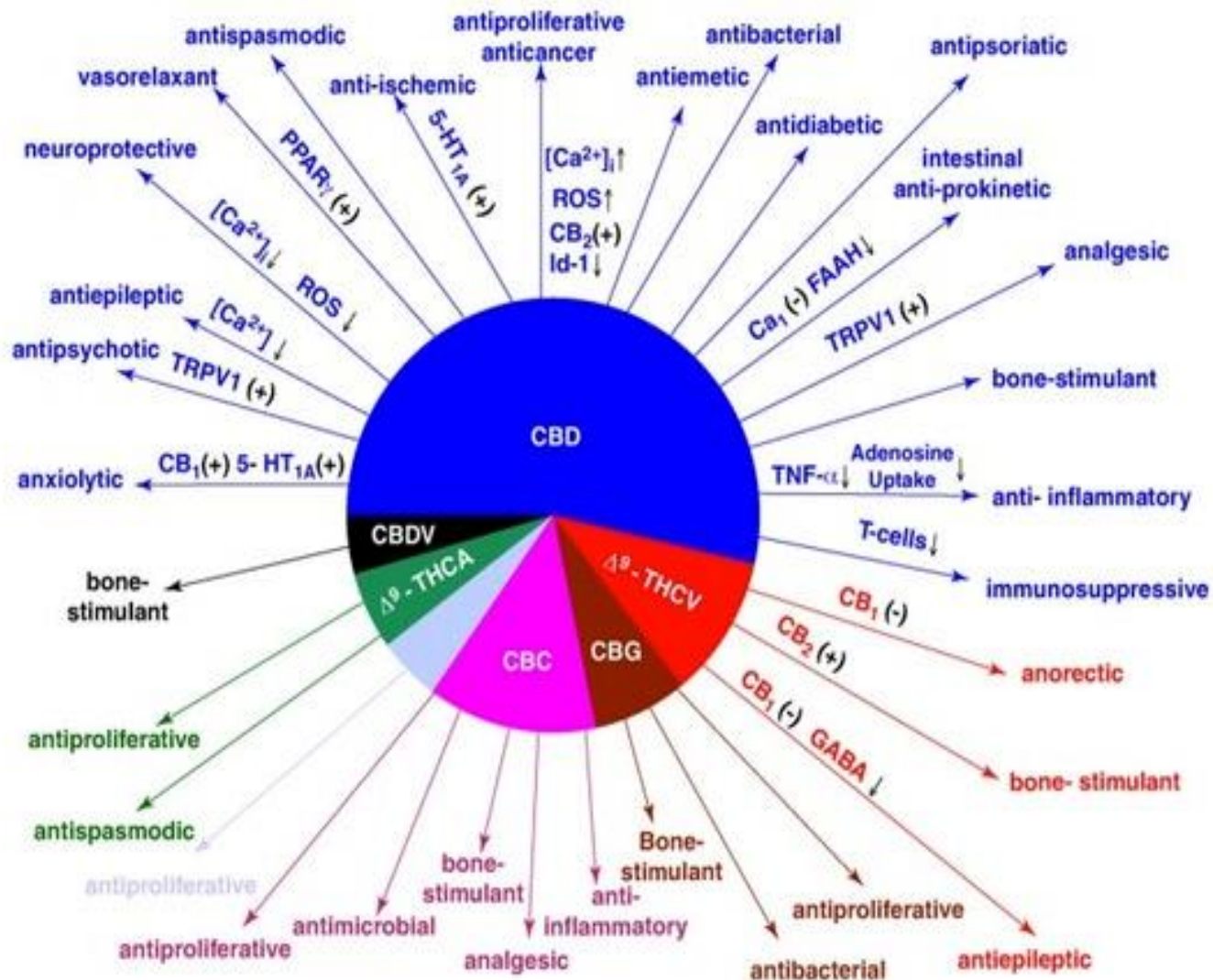




Global regulatory status



Recognition of the potential of the plant




"El cannabidiol (CBD), molécula no psicoactiva de la planta Cannabis sativa L, no es una sustancia peligrosa, por el contrario, cuenta con un alto potencial terapéutico"

Vote on WHO recommendations on cannabis and related substances

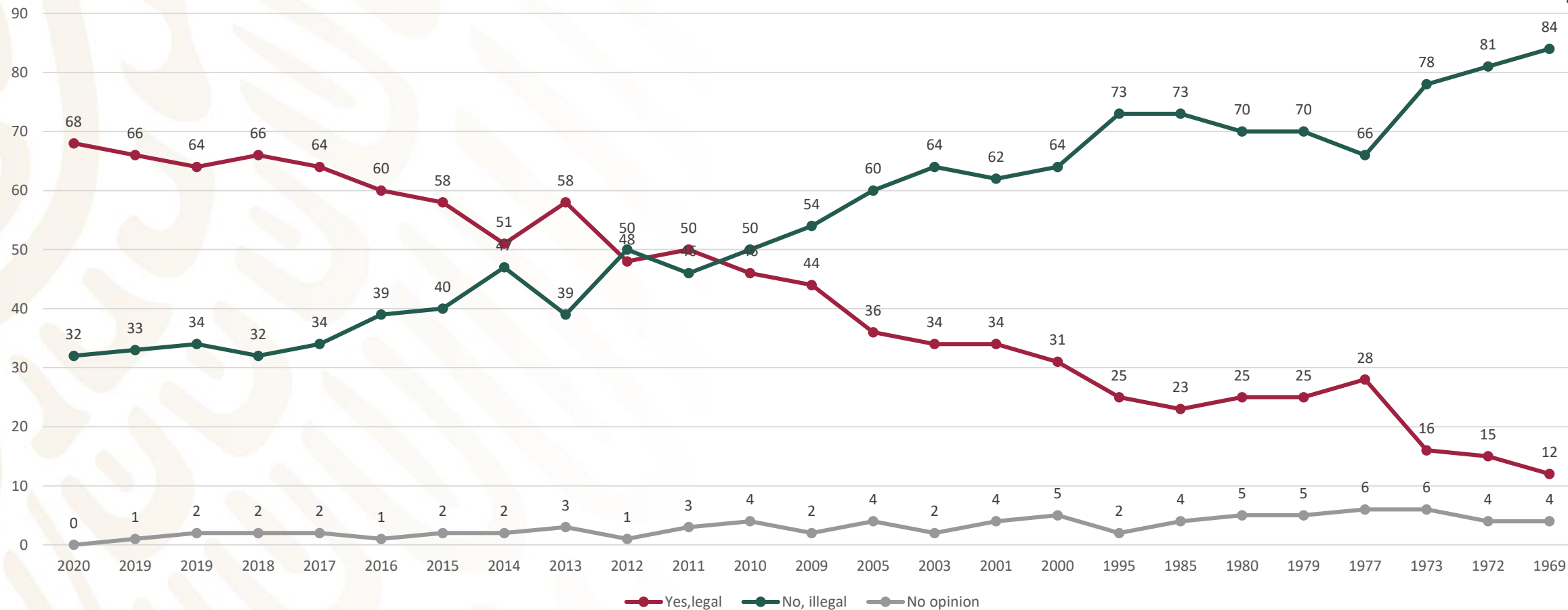
Remove cannabis and cannabis resin from list IV of the 1961 Convention.





Opinion on regulation has changed

Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?





New perspectives in Mexico

The Origin of Change:
the Mobilization of
Society



Información
Responsabilidad
Libertad

The Origin of Cannabis
Medicine (and Science)





New perspectives in Mexico

Grace's case, September 2015

Por *Grace*



- The first initiatives, April 2016
- Endorsement of medicinal use April 2017, General Health Law
- Guidelines Issued by COFEPRIS, October 2018 (Revoked in 2019)



Current regulatory status

- Amparo for the protection of Carlos, and consequent order of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation to the Secretary of Health to issue Laws, Guidelines, Regulations and Official Norms.

**REFORMA LEGAL PARA EL
USO DE CANNABIS O MARIHUANA
CON FINES MÉDICOS Y DE
INVESTIGACIÓN CIENTÍFICA**



Source:
Infobase

Carlos, 15 years old, suffers from epilepsy derived from West Syndrome

Technical advisory group

Publication of the regulation and adoption



Regulation proposal



Challenges

- High complexity regulation



Coordinate government agencies

- Federal Commission for the Protection of Sanitary Risks
- National Commission against Addictions
- National Bioethics Commission
- National Service of Agrifood Health, Safety and Quality
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Ministry of Economy
- Service tax administration



New process

- Seed certification
- Traceability
- Sanitary registration
- Control laboratories
- Import of raw materials, molecular complexes, pharmacological derivatives and medicines
- Sanitary verification



Research

- Protocols
- Promotion of research
- Strengthening of technical capacities



Medicinal use

- Authorization for prescription
- Special prescription books
- Drug availability
- Sale in pharmacies
- Possession of medications
- Promotion and sponsorship
- Ban on the use of synthetic cannabinoids



Actions

- The Ministry of Health through its different units and in coordination with other dependencies:
 - Will monitor the **quality, purity and content** of the drugs.
 - Will **train health professionals** and contribute to the development of secondary laws and clinical guidelines.
 - Will **monitor and investigate** the clinical aspects of drug management, its benefits and risks.



Actions

- A **massive psychoeducation, sensitization and care campaign** will be generated to protect minors from the early onset of their use and to guide users who are considered to require treatment.
- Strengthening of **treatment** capacity for **people with pathological consumption** and its consequences.
- Will monitor and contribute to the monitoring and future adjustments to this law.



Conclusions

- **Regulation** represents the **lesser of two evils**.
- The main challenge is to ensure that **minors do not incur in experimentation or consumption**.
- It is **not intended**, for the moment, **to boost the industry**.
- **Privileges will be given to people and communities affected** by the war against cannabis, agricultural communities in need of reducing their marginalization status and other vulnerable groups.
- The law represents a **good compromise between freedoms and the protection of public health**.

Thank you



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