



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD**

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 19  
Series of 2021**

**SUBJECT: APPROVING THE CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO PROPERLY EVALUATE THE PROPOSALS FOR STUDIES TO BE CONDUCTED ON THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIDIOL (CBD)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended, states, among others, that “it is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts or omissions detrimental to their development and preservation. In view of the foregoing, the State need to enhance further the efficacy of the law against dangerous drugs, it being one of today’s more serious social ills.”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 81(d) of the same law gives the Dangerous Drugs the authority to “initiate, conduct and support scientific, clinical, social, psychological, physical and biological researches on dangerous drugs and dangerous drugs prevention and control measures”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of R.A. No. 9165 provides that “people with legitimate medical needs are not prevented from being treated with adequate amounts of appropriate medications, which include the use of dangerous drugs.”

**WHEREAS**, there have been recent developments regarding marijuana, with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) having adopted in December 2020 the position reclassifying it from Schedule 4 to Schedule 1 of the 1961 UN Convention, and the recommendation of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) during its meeting in November 2020, to give effect to the recommendations of the Expert Committee, that Cannabidiol (CBD) should not be scheduled within International Drug Control Conventions, wherein preparations containing predominantly CBD and not more than 0.2 percent of delta THC are not under international control;

**WHEREAS**, in view of such developments, studies are being proposed to be conducted for the purpose of determining the medical uses of CBD.

**WHEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to approve the creation of a Technical Working Group to be composed of experts from the Department of Health (DOH), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), and two (2) representatives from the academe, possibly from the University of the Philippines (UP) and the University of Santo Tomas (UST), to evaluate the proposed studies to be conducted and report to the Board its findings and recommendation(s).

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that other Members of the Board who may be interested to join and participate in the said activity may do so.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2021, in Quezon City.

  
Secretary **CATALINO S. CUY, CEO VI**  
Chairman

Attested by:

  
Undersecretary **EARL P. SAAVEDRA, CESE**  
Secretary of the Board