

**THE UNITED NATIONS IS CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO BE THE ANSWER TO THE  
THC “ISSUE” IN THE SHORT-TERM AND IS UNLIKELY TO BE THE ANSWER IN  
THE LONG-TERM EITHER**

This month the United Nations was due to vote on proposals made to it by the World Health Organisation, one of which was:

*“Preparations containing predominantly cannabidiol and not more than 0.2 per cent of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol are not under international control”.*

There are those within the industry who have been advancing the proposition that, upon adoption of the proposal, all of the industry’s THC “issues” would be resolved in one fell swoop.

Those factions will have to think again for a number of reasons:

- the vote on this (and other cannabis matters) has been deferred, yet again - this time until at least December of this year;
- it is far from certain that the above proposal will gain sufficient support to pass at the UN – we doubt that many, if any, of those championing the proposal as the “THC panacea” have read the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs’ 86 page document: ***“Questions and answers relating to WHO’s recommendations on cannabis and cannabis-related substances”***.  
The questions and evident challenges posed by UN Members therein give a clear demonstration that the Members’ views are not universal, and that the questions and challenges submitted by the EU are probably the most forceful of any Country or Union; and,
- it is again far from certain that individual nations would adopt the definition, even were it to pass in principle, because of issues surrounding the actual meaning of the phrases used. How is: *“Preparations containing predominantly cannabidiol”* defined? Whilst cannabidiol may be the predominant cannabinoid in CBD products, it is certainly not the predominant element of the preparation – that is the carrier oil etc.

We repeat what is becoming our well-worn phrase: ***Be Careful Who You Listen To.***