

Meeting Minutes: "Should we legalize cannabis in France?"

Call to order

A meeting of 6 people was held on the set of Tele7, located in the C209 room at ENSEEIHT on the 25th of October 2019.

Attendees

The following attendees were present during the meeting:

- Maria-Estella Yammine: Hostess of the Tele7 meeting
- **Thibault Roux:** Young activist, Med student and president of the ACT (Association of Cannabis Therapeutics)
- Jules Stegner: Member of the ACT, and Med student
- Benjamin Drai: Specialist in the medical and addiction cannabis related fields
- Nathan Razafimanantsoa: Former cannabis addict
- Elio Saboureau: Cannabis addict and a regular consumer of the substance

Agenda Items

Mrs. Yammine convened the meeting at 2.00pm. Due to some delays, it started at 2.20pm

- **2.20-2.22:** The hostess first introduced the topic of the meeting followed by the presentation of the attendees
- **2.22-2.25:** The specialist presented the product in question and its different aspects
- **2.25-2.30:** The president and one of the members of the ACT presented their organization. They both insisted on the medical use of cannabis, while shedding a light on the positive effect it can have on psychological diseases. Many other 'cannabis-curable' diseases were also mentioned by the activists
- **2.30-2.33:** Mrs. Yammine asked several questions about the organization itself (creation, financing)
- **2.33-2.35:** The floor was given back to the specialist who talked about the emergence of the addiction and mentioned its consequences, insisting on the fact that the human body can easily adapt and get used to the substance. The ACT members agreed with the specialist's intervention
- **2.35-2.41:** Nathan, the former addict shared the story of his consumption of this illegal product. He gave advise on trying to quit the dangerous use of it. Nathan's intervention gathered everybody's attention and allowed the hostess to ask him on his opinion on the ACT.
- **2.41-2.46:** The addict's interference in the debate elicited a disdain reaction from the attendees. Nathan, the former addict tried to help Elio by reasoning with him, to no avail.

2.46-2.50: After the specialist's last words and opening on the product's positive aspects, a small debate was generated between him and the member of the ACT regarding the price and the quality of the cannabis in case it was legalized. Because we were coming short on time, Mrs. Yammine decided to add this problematic on AOB list

2.50-2.53: The Hostess concluded: if we were to legalize the use of cannabis, it has to be used under strict medical supervision and in moderation. She finally thanked all the attendees for their investment in the debate.

Reports

The meeting allowed the attendees to talk about the legalization of the cannabis use in France. They all came to an agreement: France should legalize the <u>medical</u> use of the cannabis in order to cure all the diseases mentioned during the debate. However, the use of this substance should be well supervised and strongly restrained to avoid any addiction problems and tragedies.

New business

Mrs. Yammine will summon all the attendees present on this day to try and bring an answer to a new problematic. The topic will involve the comparison of the prices and the qualities of "good" cannabis versus "bad" cannabis, with the following key question: "Do the prices differ between the various qualities of cannabis?"

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