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OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC TO THE
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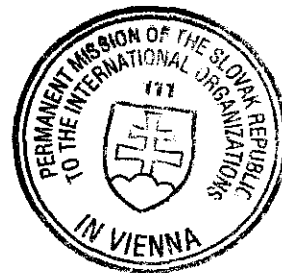
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The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of the Member States to the Economic and Social Council – ECOSOC in Vienna and has the honour to communicate that the Government of the Slovak Republic filed objection for amendment to the 1961 UN Single Convention on Narcotics Drugs proposed according to the Article 49 paragraphs 1c/ and 2e/ by the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

The official Note Verbal of the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic in New York No.: VN.15.038/2011-USSM/OG sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations on 28th January 2011 is attached.

The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to the Permanent Missions of the Member States to the Economic and Social Council – ECOSOC in Vienna the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 3 February 2011



To the
Permanent Missions of the Member States to the
Economic and Social Council – ECOSOC in Vienna

VIENNA

*Stála misia Slovenskej republiky
pri Organizácii Spojených národov
New York*



*Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic
to the United Nations
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The Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's Depositary Notification dated 6 April 2009 (C.N.194.2009.TREATIES-2), which communicated a proposal of amendments by the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1975 ("the Single Convention"), and also to the Secretary-General's Depositary Notification dated 30 July 2009 (C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3), which informed the Parties to the Single Convention of the decision of the Economic and Social Council to initiate the procedures established under Article 47, paragraph 1(b) of the Single Convention with regard to the proposal.

States Parties to the Single Convention undertake an obligation to limit the trade and use of narcotic drugs exclusively to medical and scientific purposes. States Parties also recognize that measures against abuse of narcotic drugs require coordinated and universal action. Schedule I to the Single Convention lists coca leaf as a narcotic drug. In considering the proposal of amendments, States Parties should be guided by the object and purpose of the Single Convention.

Therefore, taking also into consideration expert's opinion already presented on behalf of Slovakia, recommending reserved attitude to the acceptance of proposed amendment, especially in the context of adverse health consequences, which might follow, the Government of Slovakia hereby informs the Secretary General in accordance with Article 47, paragraph 1(b) of the Single Convention, consistent with its general obligations outlined in Article 4 of the Convention, that it does not accept the proposed amendment.

The Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, January 28th, 2011

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon

Secretary - General of the United Nations
New York

