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SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961, AS AMENDED BY THE
PROTOCOL AMENDING THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC
DRUGS, 1961

NEW YORK, 8 AUGUST 1975

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS BY THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA TO ARTICLE
49, PARAGRAPHS 1 (C) AND 2 (E)¹: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,
communicates the following:

Reference is made to the decision by the Economic and Social Council on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e) of the above Convention, to initiate the procedures established in article 47, paragraph 1 (b), which states that the parties shall be asked whether they accept the proposed amendment and also asked to submit to the Economic and Social Council any comments on the proposal. The Secretary-General communicated to all States concerned the text of the Council's decision in depositary notification C.N.474.2009. TREATIES-3 dated 30 July 2009.

On 19 January 2011, the Secretary-General received a note verbale, dated 19 January 2011, from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations. The Secretary-General subsequently communicated to the Council, by way of a Note by the Secretary-General, the note verbale from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America.

On 1 February 2011, the Secretary-General received from the Economic and Social Council
..... the attached Council document E/2011/47, dated 19 January 2011, for circulation to all States parties.

25 February 2011

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "JGW", is written below the date.

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.194.2009.TREATIES-2 of 6 April 2009
(Proposal of amendments by Bolivia to article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)).

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Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 (New York, 8 August 1975)

Proposal of amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)

Note by the Secretary-General

In its decision 2009/250 of 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General (E/2009/78) on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,¹ decided, in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1, of the Convention as amended, to initiate the procedures established in paragraph 1 (b) of that article, which states that the parties shall be asked whether they accept the proposed amendment and also asked to submit to the Economic and Social Council any comments on the proposal.

The Secretary-General, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicated to the parties to the Convention the text of Council decision 2009/250 in a Depositary Notification² dated 30 July 2009.

The Secretary-General is hereby communicating to the Council a note verbale dated 19 January 2011 from the United States Mission to the United Nations (see annex).

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

² C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3.



Annex

Diplomatic note dated 19 January 2011 from the United States Mission to the United Nations

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations and refers to the Secretary-General's note C.N.194.2009.TREATIES-2 (Depositary Notification), dated 6 April 2009, which communicated a proposal to amend the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1972) (the Single Convention); and to the Secretary-General's note C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3 (Depositary Notification), dated 30 July 2009, which informed the parties to the Single Convention of the decision of the Economic and Social Council to initiate the procedures established in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1 (b), of the Single Convention with regard to the proposal.

Through ratification of the Single Convention, Member States undertake an obligation to limit the trade and use of narcotic drugs exclusively to medical and scientific purposes. Member States also recognize that measures against the 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 proposed amendment, Member States must remain guided by the principles and objectives of the Single Convention.

In accordance with article 47, paragraph 1 (b), of the Single Convention, the Mission informs the United Nations that the United States of America, consistent with its general obligations outlined in article 4 of the Convention, does not accept the proposed amendment.



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Tema 3 del programa

Programa básico de trabajo del Consejo

Convención Única de 1961 sobre Estupefacientes, enmendada por el Protocolo de Modificación de la Convención Única de 1961 sobre Estupefacientes (Nueva York, 8 de agosto de 1975)

Propuesta de enmiendas a los incisos 1 c) y 2 e) del artículo 49 presentada por el Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia

Nota del Secretario General

En su decisión 2009/250, de 30 de julio de 2009, el Consejo Económico y Social, tomando nota de la nota del Secretario General (E/2009/78) sobre la propuesta del Gobierno del Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia de enmendar los incisos 1 c) y 2 e) del artículo 49 de la Convención Única sobre Estupefacientes de 1961, modificada por el Protocolo de 1972¹, decidió, de conformidad con lo dispuesto en el inciso 1 del artículo 47 de la Convención en su forma enmendada, iniciar los procedimientos establecidos en el inciso 1 b) de dicho artículo, en que se dispone que se pregunte a las partes si aceptan la modificación propuesta y se les pida que presenten al Consejo comentarios acerca de la misma.

El Secretario General, actuando en su calidad de depositario, comunicó a las partes en la Convención el texto de la decisión 2009/250 del Consejo en una notificación del depositario² de fecha 30 de julio de 2009.

El Secretario General comunica por la presente al Consejo Económico y Social una nota verbal de fecha 19 de enero de 2011 enviada por la Misión Permanente de los Estados Unidos ante las Naciones Unidas (véase el anexo).

¹ Naciones Unidas, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, núm. 14152.

² C.N.474.2009.TREATIES.3.



Anexo**Nota diplomática de fecha 19 de enero de 2011 de la Misión Permanente de los Estados Unidos ante las Naciones Unidas**

La Misión Permanente de los Estados Unidos ante las Naciones Unidas saluda muy atentamente a las Naciones Unidas y hace referencia a la nota del Secretario General C.N.194.2009.TREATIES-2 (notificación del depositario), de fecha 6 de abril de 2009, mediante la cual transmitió una propuesta para enmendar la Convención Única de 1961 sobre Estupefacientes, enmendada por el Protocolo de 1972 de Modificación de la Convención Única de 1961 sobre Estupefacientes (la Convención Única); y a la nota del Secretario General C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3 (notificación del depositario), de fecha 30 de julio de 2009, en la cual informó a las partes en la Convención Única de la decisión del Consejo Económico y Social de iniciar los procedimientos establecidos en el inciso 1 b) del artículo 47 de la Convención Única con respecto a la propuesta.

Mediante la ratificación de la Convención Única, los Estados Miembros se comprometen a limitar el comercio y la utilización de estupefacientes exclusivamente para fines médicos y científicos. Los Estados Miembros también reconocen que las medidas contra el uso indebido de estupefacientes exigen una acción concertada y universal. En la Lista I de la Convención Única se incluye como estupefaciente la hoja de coca. Al examinar la enmienda propuesta, los Estados Miembros deben seguir guiándose por los principios y objetivos de la Convención Única.

De conformidad con el inciso 1 b) del artículo 47 de la Convención Única, la Misión informa a las Naciones Unidas que los Estados Unidos de América, atendiendo a las obligaciones generales que le incumben, descritas en el artículo 4 de la Convención, no acepta la enmienda propuesta.
