

UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
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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 April 6, 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 July 30, 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 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.

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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.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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