

Reference: C.N.101.2013.TREATIES-VI.18 (Depositary Notification)

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

NEW YORK, 8 AUGUST 1975

IRELAND: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATION CONTAINED IN THE COMMUNICATION BY
THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA¹

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

The above action was effected on 9 January 2013.

(Original : anglais)

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the
Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's note
C.N.829.2011.TREATIES-28 (Depositary Notification) of 10 January 2012, has the honour to convey
the following:

The Government of Ireland has examined the proposed reservation contained in the instrument
of accession to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, as amended by the Protocol Amending
the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, made by the Plurinational State of Bolivia on 28 December
2011.

The Government of Ireland welcomes Bolivia's renewed commitment to continue to take all
necessary legal measures to control the illicit cultivation of coca in order to prevent its abuse and the
illicit production of the narcotic drugs which may be extracted from the leaf.

The Government of Ireland is of the view, however, that this proposed reservation raises
doubts as to the commitment of Bolivia to the object and purpose of the Single Convention, as amended,
which is to limit the production, trade and use of narcotic drugs to medical and scientific use and which
provides for international cooperation and control for the achievement of this object. The proposed
reservation, on the contrary, seeks to limit the international obligations of Bolivia by reserving its right
to allow for the continued cultivation, trade and possession of the coca leaf.

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.829.2011.TREATIES-28 of 10 January 2012
(Communication: Bolivia (Plurinational State of)).

The Government of Ireland is concerned with regard to the procedure followed by the Government of Bolivia in that the denunciation of the Single Convention, succeeded by re-accession with a reservation, compromises the rules of the law of treaties that prohibit the formulation of reservations after a state has become party to a treaty and undermines international efforts to limit the production, trade and use of narcotic drugs.

The Government of Ireland therefore objects to the aforementioned reservation made by the Government of Bolivia to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs.

The objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Single Convention, as amended, between Ireland and Bolivia.

18 January 2013

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

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