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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

JAPAN: 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 10 January 2013.

(Original: English)

“The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and refers to the Secretary-General’s depositary notification dated 10 January 2012 (C.N.829.2011.TREATIES-28), which communicated that the Secretary-General had received from the Plurinational State of Bolivia an instrument of accession to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol thereto, with a proposed reservation submitted under the procedures set forth in Article 50, paragraph 3 of the Convention.

The Government of Japan has examined the reservation made by the Plurinational State of Bolivia and understands that Bolivia’s contention is based on its custom and tradition. However the Government of Japan is of the view that the reservation seems to be incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention to prevent the illicit production, manufacture and trafficking of cocaine. Therefore, the Government of Japan objects to the aforesaid reservation.

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

Should the aforesaid reservation be deemed to be permitted as provided under Article 50, paragraph 3 of the Convention, this objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between Japan and the Plurinational State of Bolivia. However, as also stipulated in the last sentence of the said paragraph, Japan would not assume towards the Plurinational State of Bolivia any legal obligation under the Convention which is affected by the reservation.

Be that as it may, the Government of Japan 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."

15 January 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JGW' with a stylized flourish underneath.

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