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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

NETHERLANDS: 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 8 January 2013.

(Original: English)

“The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter’s note verbale of 10 January 2012 (C.N.829.2011.TREATIES-28).

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has carefully considered the intention of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to re-accede with a reservation to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands fully recognizes the efforts of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to reduce the production and trade in illicit coca products.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to underline that States that are Party to the Single Convention undertake an obligation to limit the trade and use of narcotic drugs exclusively for medical and scientific purposes.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is therefore of the opinion that, in proposing reservations, States Parties should be guided by the object and purpose of the Single Convention. The Bolivian approach poses the risk of creating a precedent and may undermine the international anti-narcotics legal framework.

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

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands considers the procedure followed by the Plurinational State of Bolivia of denouncing the Single Convention as amended, followed by a re-accession with a reservation, as contrary to the rules of the law of treaties that prohibit the formulation of reservations after ratification. The procedure followed by the Plurinational State of Bolivia circumvents these well-established rules and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore objects to it.

This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Single Convention, as amended, between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.”

22 January 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JGW' in a cursive style.

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