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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

MEXICO: 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.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat, Office of the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depositary of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and has the honour to refer to the depositary notification (C.N.829.2011.TREATIES-28) of 10 January 2012, communicating that an instrument of accession to the Convention had been received from the Plurinational State of Bolivia, accompanied by a reservation formulated in accordance with its article 50, paragraph 3.

The Government of Mexico, pursuant to the applicable domestic and international legislation and to the procedure indicated in article 50, paragraph 3 of the Convention, submits through the present note its objection to the reservation for the following reasons:

1. The Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, is an instrument of universal scope, one of whose objectives is the protection of human health. Mexico is convinced that only by maintaining the integrity of the Convention will its objectives be met.
2. In the terms of the General Health Act of Mexico, coca leaf is considered a narcotic drug and its production is punishable under the Federal Criminal Code. Therefore, accepting the reservation would be contrary to Mexican law.

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

3. The Government of Mexico has harmonized its legislation and implemented public policies to tackle the drug problem, pursuant to the provisions of the three relevant international instruments on this matter.

However, despite its objection to the reservation in question, the Government of Mexico wishes to reiterate its respect for the human rights of indigenous peoples and for their customs and practices, a commitment it fully shares with the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

15 January 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. G. W.', written in a cursive style.

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