

Reference: C.N.361.2012.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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: 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 3 July 2012.

(Original: English)

“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.829.2011.TREATIES-28 (Depositary Notification), dated January 10, 2012, 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 (the Convention), with a proposed reservation submitted in accordance with Article 50, paragraph 3 of the Convention.

The Mission informs the United Nations that the United States objects to the proposed reservation. The United States considers the Convention to be one of the cornerstones of international efforts to prevent the illicit production, manufacture, traffic in and abuse of drugs, while ensuring that licit drugs are available for medical and scientific purposes. The United States is concerned that Bolivia’s reservation is likely to lead to a greater supply of available coca, and as a result, more cocaine will be available for the global cocaine market, further fueling narcotics trafficking and related criminal activities in Bolivia and the countries along the cocaine trafficking route.

The United States 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.

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

Should Bolivia's reservation be deemed to be permitted in accordance with Article 50, paragraph 3 of the Convention, this objection would not constitute an obstacle to the entry into force of the Convention between the United States and Bolivia, but the United States would not assume toward Bolivia any legal obligation under the Convention that is affected by the reservation."

10 July 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'J. G. W.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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