Reference: C.N.94.2013.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

BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF): ACCESSION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary and referring to depositary notification C.N.829.2011.TREATIES-28 of 10 January 2012 concerning the accession by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the above-mentioned Convention with a reservation, communicates the following:

By the end of the twelve months period after the date of the Secretary-General's communication of the reservation by the Plurinational State of Bolivia in respect of the above Convention, Bolivia’s reservation has been objected to by the following fifteen States: Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

In accordance with paragraph 3 of article 50 of the above Convention, unless the reservation has been objected to by one third of the States that have ratified or acceded to the above Convention before the end of that period, the reservation shall be deemed to be permitted, it being understood however that States which have objected to the reservation need not assume towards the reserving State any legal obligation under this Convention which is affected by the reservation. Since the reservation was objected by less than one third of the States that have ratified or acceded to the above Convention, it shall be deemed permitted.

The accession was effected on 11 January 2013, with the following reservation:

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

The Plurinational State of Bolivia reserves the right to allow in its territory: traditional coca leaf chewing; the consumption and use of the coca leaf in its natural state for cultural and medicinal purposes, such as its use in infusions; and also the cultivation, trade and possession of the coca leaf to the extent necessary for these licit purposes.
At the same time, the Plurinational State of Bolivia will continue to take all necessary measures to control the cultivation of coca in order to prevent its abuse and the illicit production of the narcotic drugs which may be extracted from the leaf.

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The Convention shall enter into force for the Plurinational State of Bolivia on 10 February 2013 in accordance with its article 41(2) which reads as follows:

“In respect of any other State depositing an instrument of ratification or accession after the date of deposit of the said fortieth instrument, this Convention shall come into force on the thirtieth day after the deposit by that State of its instrument of ratification or accession.”

22 January 2013