

No. 7515. SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961. DONE AT NEW YORK, ON 30 MARCH 1961¹

RATIFICATION

Instrument deposited on:

16 March 1966

POLAND

(To take effect on 15 April 1966.)

On depositing the instrument of ratification, the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations made the following statement :

“ The Polish People’s Republic deems it appropriate to draw the attention to the discriminatory character of article 40, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, on the basis of which certain States have been deprived of the opportunity of becoming Parties to this Convention. The Single Convention deals with the questions of interest to all States and is meant to mobilize efforts of all countries in the struggle against the social danger which is the abuse of narcotic drugs. This Convention therefore should be open to all States. In accordance with the principle of sovereign equality of States, no State has the right to deprive any other State of the opportunity to participate in a Convention of such type. ”

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 520, p. 151; for subsequent actions relating to this Convention, see Annex A in volumes 523, 530, 531, 533, 535, 538, 540, 541, 542 and 557.