

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

RATIFICATION

Instrument deposited on :

25 October 1968

BULGARIA

(To take effect on 24 November 1968.)

In the note transmitting the instrument of ratification, the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria made the following reservation and declaration :

“ The People's Republic of Bulgaria does not consider herself bound to implement the provisions of article 48, paragraph 2, concerning the obligatory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.

“ Every kind of dispute between two or more Parties on the Convention relating to its interpretation and application, which cannot be settled by negotiations, is to be referred to the International Court of Justice for decision only after the arguing Parties have given previous consent for every separate case explicitly.

“ The People's Republic of Bulgaria considers it necessary to stress that the wording of article 40, paragraph 1; article 12, paragraphs 2 and 3; article 13, paragraph 2; article 14, paragraphs 1 and 2; and article 31, paragraph 1, (b) has a discriminatory character as it excludes the participation of a certain number of States. These texts are obviously inconsistent with the character of the Convention, aiming at unifying the efforts of all Parties with a view to achieving regulation of the questions, affecting the interests of all countries in this field. ”

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 520, p. 151; for subsequent actions relating to this Convention, see references in Cumulative Index No. 7, as well as Annex A in volumes 557, 559, 561, 568, 570, 573, 590, 595, 596, 600, 604, 606, 613, 620, 632 and 648.