

Reference: C.N.751.2012.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

CANADA: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATION CONTAINED IN THE COMMUNICATION BY
THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA ¹

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,
communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 28 December 2012.

(Original: English)

“The Permanent Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs, Treaty Section of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary General's note C.N.829.2011.TREATIES-28 (Depositary Notification) dated January 10, 2012, which communicated that the Secretary General has received from the Plurinational State of Bolivia an instrument of accession to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, (the Convention) as amended by the 1972 Protocol, with a proposed reservation submitted in accordance with Article 50, paragraph 3 of the Convention.

The Permanent Mission of Canada would like to inform the Office of Legal Affairs, Treaty Section of the United Nations that Canada objects to the reservation put forward by the Plurinational State of Bolivia. Canada has long held that the Convention forms the cornerstone of international efforts to prevent the illicit production, manufacture, trafficking and abuse of drugs, while ensuring that licit drugs are available for medical and scientific purposes. The Convention, along with the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances and the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances are the key instruments in global efforts to address illicit drugs. Canada continues to be concerned that Bolivia's reservation would lead to a greater supply of coca leaf and consequent availability of cocaine.

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 Canada and the Plurinational State of Bolivia, but Canada would not assume toward Bolivia any legal obligations under the Convention that is affected by this reservation."

4 January 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JGW', is written below the date.

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