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SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961, AS AMENDED BY THE
PROTOCOL AMENDING THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC
DRUGS, 1961

NEW YORK, 8 AUGUST 1975

FINLAND: 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 8 January 2013.

(Original: English)

"The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to communicate the following regarding the reservation made by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 (Convention).

The Plurinational State of Bolivia deposited its instrument of denunciation of the Convention on 29 June 2011 with effect as of 1 January 2012. On 29 December 2011, Bolivia informed the depositary of its intention to reaccede to the Convention subject to the authorisation of the reservation by the States Parties submitted in accordance with article 50, paragraph 3 of the Convention.


The Government of Finland has carefully examined this procedure and the reservation made by the Plurinational State of Bolivia and notes that it is in contradiction with the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and well-established customary international law to denounce a treaty and reaccede to it to be able to make it subject to a new reservation. The Government of Finland is, therefore, of the view that the procedure provided in article 50, paragraph 3, cannot be used for this purpose.

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

It is in the common interest of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become Parties are respected as to their object and purpose by all Parties, and that States are prepared to undertake any legislative changes necessary to comply with their obligations under the treaties.

The Government of Finland, therefore, objects to the reservation made by the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia. This objection does not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Finland. The Convention will thus become operative between the two States without Bolivia benefitting from this reservation."

16 January 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. G. W.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

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