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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR REGULATING  
THE PRODUCTION OF, INTERNATIONAL AND WHOLESALE  
TRADE IN, AND USE OF OPIUM (E/2186, ANNEX)

Communication from the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union

At the request of the representative of the United States of America, and in accordance with a decision of the Business Committee, the following telegram, dated 8 June 1953, from Vancouver, British Colombia, is circulated for the information of the members of the Conference.

"This Nineteenth Convention of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union representing over sixty countries assembled in Vancouver in June 1953,

"Realizing what human misery is caused by drug addiction,

"Viewing with alarm the increase in the supply of narcotic drugs in the illicit traffic in opium and its derivatives due to the over-production of opium, and

"Desiring that the efforts born at Shanghai in 1909 should come to full fruition at the present conference,

"Urges the States represented at the Opium Conference now meeting at the United Nations Headquarters to agree upon the protocol to limit opium production so as to suppress the abuse of narcotic drugs throughout the world."

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