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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)

United States of America: amendment to the amendment submitted by
Switzerland (E/CONF.14/L.20)

Chapter V, section 12

Replace all of the text of the amendment submitted by Switzerland from
paragraph 2 (a) on by the following:

(b) If in the light of such information or any other information at its disposal, the Board is led to conclude that excessive quantities of opium are accumulating in any country or territory or that any country or territory has become a centre or important source of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the Board shall have the right to ask for explanations from the party concerned.

3. (a) If no explanation is given within a reasonable time, or the explanation is unsatisfactory, the Board shall have the right to arrange for and conduct a local inquiry between one or more members of the Board or other technically competent persons of its choice and the competent national authorities within the territory of any party subject to the consent of that Party.

(b) If the Party fails to consent to a local inquiry, or if, after local inquiry, the Board is not satisfied with the situation, the Board shall call the attention of all the parties and of the Council to the matter and shall recommend that no further imports of opium shall be made from or exports of opium be made to the Party concerned until the Board reports that it is satisfied as to the situation in that country.

4. The Party concerned shall be entitled to bring the matter before the Council.

5. The Council shall consider the matter and if it affirms the recommendation of the Board, the Secretary-General shall notify all Parties who shall give full force and effect to said recommendation until further notification from the Board. If the Council disapproves the recommendation of the Board, similar notification shall be given by the Secretary-General to the Parties who shall not, from the date of such notification, be bound to give effect to such recommendation.
