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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)

OUTLINE OF THE FINAL ACT

The United Nations Opium Conference was convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in conformity with resolution 436 A (XIV) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, dated 27 May 1952.

In accordance with the terms of that resolution, States Members of the United Nations and non-member States which had acceded to the international conventions concerning narcotic drugs were invited to the Conference. Libya, Nepal, the Republic of Korea and Spain were also invited to attend the Conference in accordance with the terms of resolution 478 (XV) of the Council. Representatives of the specialized agencies, the Permanent Central Board and the Supervisory Body were also invited with the same rights and privileges as they enjoy at sessions of the Council.

The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 11 May to 18 June 1953.

The Governments of the following States were represented at the Conference by representatives:

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| Belgium | Greece | Philippines |
| Burma | India | Spain |
| Cambodia | Iran | Switzerland |
| Canada | Iraq | Turkey |
| Chile | Israel | United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland |
| Denmark | Japan | United States of America |
| Dominican Republic | Korea | Viet-Nam |
| Ecuador | Lebanon | Yugoslavia |
| Egypt | Liechtenstein | |
| France | Mexico | |
| Federal Republic of
Germany | Monaco | |
| | Netherlands | |
| | Pakistan | |

The Governments of the following States were represented at the Conference by observers:

Argentina	Indonesia
Bolivia	Sweden
Costa Rica	Thailand
Haiti	

The representatives of the following organizations and specialized agencies took part in the work of the Conference:

Permanent Central Board:	Mr. Herbert L. May, President of the Permanent Central Board.
Supervisory Body:	Col. C.H.L. Sharman, Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Body
World Health Organization	Dr. M.S. Ingalls, Liaison Officer, Mrs. S. Meagher, Liaison Officer.

In accordance with rules 46 and 47 of the rules of procedure adopted by the Conference, the observers and the representatives of the organizations and specialized agencies participated in the work of the Conference without the right to vote.

The Conference elected as President Mr. Auguste Lindt, Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations, and as Vice-Presidents:

Mr. D.M. Johnson, Canada (Alternate: Mr. K.C. Hossick)
Sr. R. Ortega Masson, Chile
Dr. H. Danner, Federal Republic of Germany
Mr. E.S. Krishnamoorthy, India
Dr. A.G. Ardalan, Iran
Mr. J. Walker, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The Conference set up a Business Committee consisting of the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Conference. The Chairman of the Committees established by the Conference, who were not among the seven officers referred to above, were invited to participate in the proceedings of the Business Committee without vote.

The Conference established a Main Committee, consisting of representatives of all States participating in the Conference, which elected Mr. Charles Vaille, representative of France, as Chairman, and Dr. C.L. Hsia, representative of China, and Dr. Cemalettin Or, representative of Turkey, as Vice-Chairmen. The Conference also set up a Drafting Committee, which elected Mr. Dragan Nikolic, representative of Yugoslavia, as Chairman, and Mr. Robert E. Curran, Q.C. member of the Canadian delegation, as Vice-Chairman, and a Credentials Committee, which

elected Mr. Luciano Joubanc Rivas, representative of Mexico, as Chairman.

The Conference took as the basis of discussion the text of the Protocol drawn up by the Secretary-General in accordance with the principles adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its sixth session held from 10 April to 24 May 1951.

The Conference adopted and opened for signature the Protocol for Limiting and Regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and use of Opium, annexed to this Final Act; the Conference also adopted the resolutions similarly annexed to this Final Act.

In witness whereof, the undersigned representatives and observers have signed the present Final Act.

Done at New York, this day of June, 1953 in one copy, in the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic. This Final Act and the Protocol annexed thereto shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations who shall circulate certified true copies thereof to States Members of the United Nations and to non-member States.
