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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)

Arrangement of Signatures

Note by the Secretariat

1. In order to follow the normal United Nations practice, the following modifications in the arrangement of the Preamble and the wording relating to the signatures to the protocol are proposed:

In place of last sentence starting "The High Contracting Parties...", there should be substituted: (E/CONF.14/L.44)

"The Contracting Parties,

Having resolved to conclude a protocol for these purposes,

Have agreed as follows."

This sentence would not be followed by the list of representatives (plenipotentiaries). The signatories to the protocol itself would be placed at the end of the protocol; the signatories to the Final Act which would cover all the representatives participating in the Conference, would be placed at the end of the Final Act. This arrangement would avoid duplication of the list of representatives (plenipotentiaries).

2. The terminal wording relating to the signatories to the protocol (immediately following present article 23 "Communications by the Secretary-General") should be:

This Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Secretary-General of

the United Nations shall send a certified true copy to all Members of the United Nations and to all other States referred to in articles 16 and 18 of this Protocol.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Protocol in a single copy on behalf of their respective Governments.

New York, this.....day of ..... 1953.

Signatories: .....  
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