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NOTE BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CHARGE
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Department of Social Affairs has the honour to communicate to members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs copies of notes verbales which have been despatched to implement resolutions concerning narcotic drugs, adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its fourth session on 28 March 1947.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Annex</u>
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* Document E/399 of 3 April 1947.

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/ANNEX A

ANNEX A

QUESTIONNAIRE ON RAW OPIUM

This note verbale, Ref. 606-27-2/BA of 14 April 1947, was communicated to the following Governments:

Afghanistan	Finland	New Zealand
Albania	France	Panama
Argentina	Greece	Paraguay
Australia	Guatemala	Peru
Austria	Haiti	Philippine Republic
Belgium	Honduras	Poland
Bolivia	Hungary	Portugal
Brazil	Iceland	Roumania
Bulgaria	Italy	San Marino
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republics	Iran	Saudi Arabia
Canada	Ireland	Siam
Chile	India	Sweden
China	Iraq	Switzerland
Colombia	Lebanon	Syria
Costa Rica	Liberia	Turkey
Cuba	Liechtenstein	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Czechoslovakia	Luxembourg	Union of South Africa
Denmark	Mexico	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Dominican Republic	Monaco	United Kingdom
Ecuador	Netherlands	United States of America
Egypt	Nicaragua	Uruguay
El Salvador	Norway	Venezuela
Ethiopia		Yugoslavia

606-27-2/BA

14 April 1947

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to

and has the honour to draw attention to the decisions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its first session and to the resolution of the Economic and Social Council at its fourth session concerning the issue of a questionnaire on the Limitation and Control of the Cultivation of the Opium Poppy and the Production of Raw Opium and the Control of Other Raw Materials used in the Manufacture of Opium Alkaloids.

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided to issue the questionnaire subject to the approval of the Economic and Social Council which on 28 March 1947, during its fourth session, adopted the following resolution:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

"HAVING NOTED the importance of bringing a speedy solution to the urgent problem of the limitation of production of raw materials from which narcotic drugs are manufactured,

"HAVING NOTED the preparatory work initiated by the Commission with a view to holding an international conference to deal with this problem

"1. APPROVES the issue of the questionnaire on raw opium prepared by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (document E/251/Add.2) and requests the Secretary-General to transmit this questionnaire to the governments concerned asking them to communicate, on or before 15 August 1947, the information called for therein and any observations bearing on the subject which they may wish to submit,

....."

The questionnaire issued in accordance with this resolution

(document E/CN.7/63) and enclosed herein, is therefore addressed to all governments which are parties to the international conventions

/relating

relating to narcotic drugs, except Spain. The Secretary-General has the honour to request that all governments of countries, which during any year of the period covered by the questionnaire, i.e. 1937-1946, either cultivated the opium poppy for the production of opium, or used poppy straw for the manufacture of morphine and other opium alkaloids, would be good enough to comply with the resolution of the Council and provide the information requested in the questionnaire by 15 August 1947.

The Secretary-General has the honour also to request that the governments which do not consider that their countries are within any of the two categories mentioned above, should inform him by 15 August 1947 that they are of the opinion that the enclosed questionnaire is not applicable to them.

606-27-2/BA

18 April 1947

.... The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Chairman of the Control Council for Germany and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a circular note which has been addressed to all governments which are parties to the various international conventions relating to narcotic drugs. The circular note refers to a questionnaire, document A/CN.7/63, on Preparatory Work with a View to the Holding of an International Conference to Consider the Possibility of Limiting and Controlling the Cultivation of the Opium Poppy and the Production of Raw Opium and Controlling Other Raw Materials Used in the Manufacture of Opium Alkaloids. This questionnaire, a copy of which is enclosed herein, is issued under the authority of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is designed to obtain from governments the necessary information to prepare for a conference on the limitation of the production of raw materials used in the preparation of narcotic drugs.

.... In view of the existing information that Germany produced a considerable amount of morphine from poppy straw during the war, the Secretary-General has the honour to request that this note may be placed on the agenda of the Control Council for Germany or of the appropriate Quadripartite Committee in order that the necessary information may be obtained from the four zones by 15 August 1947.

In pursuance of resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its fourth session, further circular notes will be addressed to all governments parties to the international conventions on narcotic drugs and it is proposed that copies of certain of these /notes should

notes should be sent to the Control Council for Germany insofar as they are applicable to the situation there.

The Secretary-General has the honour to request that he may be informed whether it will be possible to furnish the desired information by the date mentioned above.

The Chairman
Control Council for Germany
Allied Secretariat,
Berlin,
Germany.

606-27-2/BA

13 April 1947

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Political Advisor to the Supreme Commander for Allied Powers and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a circular note which has been addressed to all governments which are parties to the various international conventions relating to narcotic drugs. The circular note refers to a questionnaire, document E/CN.7/63, on Preparatory Work with a View to the Holding of an International Conference to Consider the Possibility of Limiting and Controlling the Cultivation of the Opium Poppy and the Production of Raw Opium and Controlling Other Raw Materials Used in the Manufacture of Opium Alkaloids. This questionnaire, a copy of which is enclosed herein, is issued under the authority of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and is designed to obtain from governments the necessary information to prepare for a conference on the limitation of the production of raw materials used in the preparation of narcotic drugs.

In view of the fact that Japan was a producing country before the war, the Secretary-General has the honour to request that, provided there is no objection on the part of the Supreme Commander, the questionnaire may be sent to the appropriate authority in order that the necessary information may be obtained by 15 August 1947.

In pursuance of resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its fourth session, further circular notes will be addressed to all governments parties to the international conventions on narcotic drugs and it is proposed that copies of certain of these notes, insofar as they are applicable to the situation in Japan, should be sent to the Political Advisor to the Supreme Commander for

/Allied Powers.

Allied Powers.

The Secretary-General has the honour to request that he may be informed whether it will be possible to furnish the desired information by the date mentioned above.

The Political Advisor to the
Supreme Commander for Allied Powers,
Office of the Political Advisor to the
Supreme Commander for Allied Powers,
Tokyo,
Japan.

ANNEX B/

NOMINATIONS TO THE PERMANENT CENTRAL
OPIMUM BOARD

This note verbale, Ref. 606-5-2/VP of 25 April 1947
was communicated to the following Governments:

Afghanistan	Finland	Paraguay
Albania	France	Peru
Argentina	Greece	Philippine Republic
Australia	Guatemala	Poland
Austria	Haiti	Portugal
Belgium	Honduras	Roumania
Bolivia	Hungary	San Marino
Brazil	India	Saudi Arabia
Bulgaria	Ireland	Siam
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Iran	Sweden
Canada	Iraq	Switzerland
Chile	Italy	Syria
China	Lebanon	Turkey
Colombia	Liechtenstein	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Costa Rica	Luxembourg	Union of South Africa
Cuba	Mexico	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Czechoslovakia	Monaco	United Kingdom
Denmark	Netherlands	United States of America
Dominican Republic	Nicaragua	Uruguay
Ecuador	Norway	Venezuela
Egypt	New Zealand	Yugoslavia
El Salvador	Panama	

606-5-2/VP

25 April 1947

NOMINATIONS TO THE PERMANENT CENTRAL OPIUM BOARD CREATED UNDER
ARTICLE 19 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION RELATING TO
DANGEROUS DRUGS OF 19 FEBRUARY 1925 AS AMENDED
BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations has the honour to bring to the attention of all States which are parties to the International Convention relating to Dangerous Drugs of 19 February 1925 and the Convention for limiting the Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of 13 July 1931, the following paragraphs of a resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its Fourth Session on 28 March 1947:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1. RESOLVES TO FOLLOW with regard to appointments to the Permanent Central Opium Board for the present the procedure contained in the memorandum Annex III* to the Report of the Commission and

2. INSTRUCTS the Secretary-General to invite the Governments mentioned therein to make nominations in accordance with the provisions of this memorandum, these nominations to reach the Secretary-General on or before 1 August 1947.

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2. In accordance with the decision of the Economic and Social Council, each government is requested to submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by 1 August 1947 the names of two candidates for the Permanent Central Opium Board. This will enable the Council to proceed with the appointments to the Board as soon as the amendments to the 1925 Convention contained in the Annex to the Protocol of 11 December 1946 come into force.

* Report to the Economic and Social Council on the first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs held at Lake Success, New York, from 27 November to 13 December 1946 (document E/251).

3. Before submitting any names, it is desirable that governments should make certain that their candidates satisfy the conditions of Article 19 of the 1925 Convention and are fully conversant with the duties of the Board. The Council would be assisted if governments would indicate the qualifications and past experience of their candidates, who should be in a position to attend regularly the meetings of the Board.

4. These meetings will take place three times a year and will each last approximately fifteen days. For the time being they will be held at Geneva. Provision has been made for a subsistence allowance of ten dollars per diem if the meetings are held in the town where the member resides, and of twenty dollars per diem if held elsewhere. Travelling expenses of members are covered by the United Nations, but no provision is made for the payment of any other fees.

5. It is pointed out that governments are not bound to nominate their own nationals but may propose candidates from other countries.

ANNEX C

606-21-2/VP

7 May 1947

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Honourable Secretary of State of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the following resolution concerning the control of narcotics in Germany, which was adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 28 March 1947 during its Fourth Session.

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

"REQUESTS the Secretary-General, on behalf of the Council, to inform the Governments of France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom and the United States of the special importance which the Council attaches to the establishment of an effective control of narcotic drugs in Germany, and to invite them, on behalf of the Council, to recommend to the Allied Control Authority to take the necessary measures at the earliest possible moment for the establishment of an effective control of narcotic drugs throughout Germany."

Accordingly, the Secretary-General, on behalf of the Economic and Social Council, desires to draw attention to the importance of establishing an effective control of narcotics throughout Germany, and requests the Government of the United States of America to recommend to the Allied Control Authority that the necessary measures to this end should be taken as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General also desires to refer to his two notes of 8 April, reference 606-8-1/IS concerning the form of annual reports, and reference 606-21-1/IS concerning the exchange of communications relating to narcotic drugs, and to say that notes in similar terms were addressed to the Chairman of the Control Council for Germany. The Secretary-General trusts that it will be possible to comply with the requests contained in these two notes and to supply the information required under the international conventions in this field.

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For the convenience of the competent authorities in Germany,
..... there is annexed to this note a table of the specific obligations which
former German Governments undertook under the 1912, 1925, and 1931
Conventions relating to Narcotic Drugs.

The Secretary-General suggests, if there is no objection, that
the resolution of the Economic and Social Council cited above should
be placed on the agenda of the Allied Control Council at the first
opportunity. He will be glad to give all possible assistance, including
any technical advice, which the Control Authority may need in order to
expedite the early restoration of an effective control of narcotics
throughout Germany.

The Honourable
George C. Marshall,
Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington 25, D. C.*

* Similar letters have been sent to the Governments of France, the
United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

OBLIGATIONS OF PARTIES TO THE 1912, 1925 AND 1931 CONVENTIONS ON NARCOTICS

Obligations	Hague Convention 1912 Articles	Geneva Convention 1925 Articles	Limitation Convention 1931 Articles
Enactment of Laws and Regulations	1, 4, 9, 16, 20	2, 5	-
Legislative Measures	-	29	15
Internal Control, Production, Distribution, Export	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	2, 5	13
Control of International Trade, Export and Import Authorizations	-	12, 13, 15, 16, 11 (2)	10, 12
Control of Persons and Buildings Connected with Trade and Industry in Narcotic Drugs	10, 11	4 (b) (c) (g) 6, 7, 9	13
Supervision of Manufacture	-	-	16, 17
Limitation of Manufacture	-	-	5, 6, 7
Exchange of National Laws and Regulations	21 (a)	30	21
Communication of Annual Reports	-	-	21
Exchange of Information; Seizure Reports	-	-	23
Exchange of Statistical Information	21	-	-
Permanent Central Board	-	19	-
Furnishing of Annual Estimates, to the Permanent Central Board	-	21	2, 3, 5
Furnishing of Statistics to the Permanent Central Board	-	22 (1) (2), 23	13 (2)

/Explanation

Obligations	Hague Convention 1912	Geneva Convention 1925	Limitation Convention 1931
	Articles	Articles	Articles
Explanations Concerning Excessive Accumulation of Drugs	-	24	14 (3)
Setting up of a Special Narcotics Administration	-	-	15
Communications Concerning Authorized Drug Factories	-	-	20
Determination of Ill-Effects or Abuse of Certain Drugs Before Permitting Their Manufacture, etc.	-	-	11
Penal Laws; Penalties; Extradition	20	28	-

ANNEX D

606-21-4/VP

8 May 1947

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Political Advisor to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and has the honour to draw his attention to the following part of a resolution concerning the Control of Narcotics in Japan, adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 28 March 1947 during its Fourth Session:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

"HAVING CONSIDERED the problem of the control of narcotic drugs in Japan, and the recommendations of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on this subject,

"APPROVES the decision of the Commission to approach the competent authorities at Pacific Headquarters through the proper channels, with the request to supply to the Secretary-General, and through him to the Parties to the Narcotics Conventions, reports and other information to be furnished in accordance with the conventions of 1912, 1931 and 1936..."

The Secretary-General also desires to refer to his two notes of April 8 1947, reference 606-8-1/LS concerning the form of annual reports, and reference 606-21-1/LS, concerning the exchange of communications relating to narcotic drugs. He trusts that it will be possible to comply with the requests contained in these two notes and to supply the information required under the International conventions in this field.

For the convenience of the competent authorities in Japan there is annexed to this note a table of the specific obligations which former Japanese Governments undertook under the 1912, 1925, 1931 and 1936 Conventions relating to Narcotic Drugs.

The Political Advisor to the
Supreme Commander for Allied Powers,
Office of the Political Advisor
to the Supreme Commander for Allied Powers,
Tokyo,
Japan.

/OBLIGATIONS

OBLIGATIONS OF PARTIES TO THE 1912, 1925, 1931
AND 1936 CONVENTIONS ON NARCOTICS

Obligations	Hague Convention 1912 Articles	Geneva Convention 1925 Articles	Limitation Convention 1931 Articles	Suppression of the Illicit Traffic Convention 1936 Articles
Enactment of Laws and Regulations	1,4,9,16 20	2,5	-	-
Legislative Measures	-	29	15	2
Internal Control, Production, Distribution Export	1,2,3,4,5 6,7	2,5	13	-
Control of International Trade, Export and Import Authorizations	-	12,13,15 16, 11 (2)	10,12	-
Control of Persons and Buildings Connected with Trade and Industry in Narcotic Drugs	10,11	4 (b)(c) (g) 6,7,9	13	-
Supervision of Manufacture	-	-	16,17	-
Limitation of Manufacture	-	-	5,6,7	-
Exchange of National Laws and Regulations	21 (a)	30	21	16
Communication of Annual Reports	-	-	21	16
Exchange of Information; Seizure Reports	-	-	23	-
Exchange of Statistical Information	21	-	-	-
Permanent Central Board	-	19	-	-
Furnishing of Annual Estimates, to the Permanent Central Board	-	21	2,3,5	-
Furnishing of Statistics to the Permanent Central Board	-	22(1)(2) 23	13 (2)	-
Explanations Concerning Excessive Accumulation of Drugs	-	24	14 (3)	-

OBLIGATIONS OF PARTIES TO THE 1912, 1925, 1931,
AND 1936 CONVENTIONS ON NARCOTICS
(continued)

Obligations	Hague Convention 1912 Articles	Geneva Convention 1925 Articles	Limitation Convention 1931 Articles	Suppression of t Illicit Traffic Convention 1936 Articles
Setting up of a Special Narcotics Administration	-	-	15	-
Setting up of a Central Office	-	-	-	11,12
Communications Concerning Authorized Drug Factories	-	-	20	-
Determination of Ill-effects or Abuse of Certain Drugs before Permitting their Manufacture etc.	-	-	11	-
Penal Laws; Penalties, Extradition	20	28	-	2,5,7,8 11

ANNEX E

INVITATIONS TO NON-MEMBER STATES TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL

This note verbale, Ref. 606-26-1/VP of 9 May 1947,
was communicated to the following Governments:

Albania

Austria

Bulgaria

Finland

Hungary

Italy

Ireland

Liechtenstein (special letter)

Monaco

San Marino

Roumania

Portugal

Switzerland

606-26-1/VP

9 May 1947

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to

and has the honour to draw attention to the following resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 28 March 1947 during its Fourth Session:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

"TAKES NOTE of the first report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and decides as follows:

"HAVING NOTED that forty-nine Members of the United Nations have now signed the Protocol transferring to the United Nations the functions previously exercised by the League of Nations under international conventions, agreements and other instruments relating to narcotic drugs, and

"HAVING NOTED that a certain number of parties to such conventions, agreements and other instruments are not Members of the United Nations

"REQUESTS the Secretary-General to invite all those parties to the conventions, agreements and other instruments above-mentioned which are not Members of the United Nations, with the exception of Spain so long as the Franco Government remains in power in that country, to become parties to the said Protocol at an early date."

The Secretary-General has the honour to invite the Governments to which this present note is addressed and to which a certified copy of the protocol of 11 December 1946 has already been communicated in accordance with Article V, to become a Party to the Protocol in accordance with the terms of Article VI which reads as follows:

"States may become Parties to the present Protocol by

- (a) Signature without reservation as to approval,
- (b) Signature subject to approval followed by acceptance, or
- (c) Acceptance.

"Acceptance shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations."

/The Protocol

The Protocol, which is open for signature, is in the custody of the Legal Department of the Secretariat of the United Nations at Lake Success, where it may either be signed or an instrument of acceptance deposited.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if the would be so good as to inform him, as soon as possible, whether it is expected that his Government will be able to become a Party to the Protocol in the near future.