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SECOND SESSION

COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTED TO THE COMMISSION ON
NARCOTIC DRUGS BY THE PERMANENT DELEGATE FOR PERU
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

(Item 11 of the Provisional Agenda)

The Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Department of Social Affairs has the honour to transmit to the Members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs the following letter received from the Permanent Delegate for Peru to the United Nations.

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April 22, 1947

Dear Sir:

I have the honour to enclose herewith a recommendation which my Government wishes to be included in the Agenda of the forthcoming session of the Narcotics Commission of the Economic and Social Council.

With my highest regards I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

(signed)

Carlos Holguin Lavallo

Permanent Delegate for Peru
to the United Nations

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RECOMMENDATION TO THE NARCOTICS
COMMISSION PRESENTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF PERU TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Considering:

- 1) That the alkaloid known as cocaine is obtained from the coca which is widely grown in the valleys of South America;
- 2) That since time immemorial the indigenous population of this part of the American Continent, especially along the Anean region of its West Coast, have indulged in the habit of chewing coca leaves; and
- 3) That there is a large and highly controversial dispute as to the harmful or harmless effects of this very vital segment of the South American population;

Recommends:

- 1) To organize a committee or study group of experts in order to carry a field survey, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, thus to determine:
 - a. The harmful or harmless effects of the coca leaf chewing habit upon the human body in general or upon some specific organ in particular;
 - b. The factors or motives (i.e. climate, high altitude, diet, organic reserves, heredity, tradition, etc.) which prompt this chewing habit; and
 - d. The measures to be taken, should this habit prove to be harmful, in order to eradicate it from the population concerned.

March 7th, 1947.
