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MEMORANDUM BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

At the request of the Ad hoc Committee the Secretary-General has the honour to submit the following outline of an article on Government Monopolies:

"Article on Government Monopolies
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The Agreement shall specify that:

1. The Government of any producing country Party to the Agreement shall operate a Government opium monopoly.
2. The general structure, status, organization and mode of operation of Government opium monopolies, whether already established or to be established under the Agreement, shall be similar in all producing countries.
3. The Government opium monopoly shall control all phases of opium production in the country concerned, especially: the designation and delimitation of the areas in which opium poppies are to be grown for the production of opium; the licensing of cultivators; the sowing and cultivation of the crop; the collection of the poppy juice; and the transportation, manipulation, standardization and storage of the opium. The Government opium monopoly shall also supervise the cultivation of opium poppies grown only for seed purposes.
4. The Government opium monopoly shall be
 - (a) the sole legal personality having the right to purchase raw opium from the cultivator;
 - (b) the sole legal personality having authority to sell opium to the international purchasing and selling Agency, or to dispose of it, within the country concerned, for the maintenance of Government stocks, for the manufacture of drugs or for the preparation of medicinal opium;
 - (c) the sole legal personality, other than the Government itself, having authority to retain raw opium in stock

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for more than one month after such opium has been collected.

5. In order to remove any incentive to the cultivator to dispose of his raw opium otherwise than to the Government opium monopoly, the latter shall pay him a fair price therefor and shall report annually to the coordinating authority the prices so paid.

6. The Government of a producing country Party to the agreement shall:

- (a) enact legislation making the exercise by unauthorised persons of the functions and rights of its opium monopoly a penal offence;
- (c) apply the provisions of Article 21 of the Convention of 13 July 1931 for Limiting the manufacture and Regulating the distribution of Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, to the operations of its opium monopoly."