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COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

THIRD SESSION

ABOLITION OF OPIUM SMOKING IN THE FAR EAST

(Item 15 of the Agenda)

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 transmit to members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs the following document received from the representative of France on the Commission.

Federal Statute of 12 June 1946 abolishing the free sale of monopoly opium.

The High Commissioner of France for Indo-China,
Chancellor of the Order of Liberation,
Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour,

In view of the Decree of 17 August 1945, setting up the post and defining the powers of the High Commissioner of France for Indo-China,

In view of the Decree of 17 August 1945, nominating the High Commissioner of France for Indo-China,

In view of the Decree of 20 October 1911 defining the powers of the Governor-General of Indo-China,

In view of the Federal Statute of 1 November 1945, regulating provisionally the exercise of legislative and administrative powers in the Indo-Chinese Federation,

In view of the Ordinance of 1 November 1945 on the establishment and organization of a Council of the Federal Government, as amended by the Ordinance of 17 November 1945,

In view of the Ordinance of 7 April 1946, modifying the titles of members of the Federal Government,

In view of the Ordinance of 18 October 1921, confirmed by the Decree of 7 March 1922, concerning the control of opium in Indo-China,

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On the motion of the Federal Commissioner for Public Health and the Federal Commissioner for Finance,

After consultation with the Council of the Federal Government,

DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 - The free sale of monopoly opium by the Customs and Excise Department is hereby and shall continue to be abolished,

Article 2 - Establishments for the sale of opium and public opium-smoking dens shall be prohibited throughout the territory of the Indo-Chinese Federation,

Article 3 - The Customs and Excise Department shall not sell opium from its stocks except for medical or pharmaceutical purposes.

Article 4 - A Commission composed of:

- The Federal Commissioner for Public Health or his representative,
 - The Federal Commissioner for Finance or his representative,
 - The Director of Customs, Excise and Taxes or his representative,
- shall authorize the opening of clinics where opium addicts may be given disintoxication treatment under the supervision of a physician or disintoxication centres where opium addicts may obtain, on production of a medical certificate, the opium necessary for their progressive treatment.

Opium shall be supplied by the Customs and Excise Department, which will control the use made thereof.

Article 5 - Ordinances issued by the High Commissioner will regulate the enforcement of the present Statute.

Article 6 - The Federal Commissioner for Public Health and the Federal Commissioner for Finance shall be responsible, in their respective fields, for carrying out the present Statute, which shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Indo-Chinese Federation.

Done at Saigon, 12 June 1946

(Sgd.) G. d'ARGENLIEU.