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**Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended
by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on
Narcotic Drugs, 1961 (New York, 8 August 1975)**

**Proposal of amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to
article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)**

Note by the Secretary-General

In its decision 2009/250 of 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General¹ on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,² decided, in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1, of the Convention as amended, to initiate the procedures established in paragraph 1 (b) of that article, which states that the parties shall be asked whether they accept the proposed amendment and also asked to submit to the Economic and Social Council any comments on the proposal.

The Secretary-General, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicated to the parties to the Convention the text of Council decision 2009/250 in a Depositary Notification³ dated 30 July 2009.

The Secretary-General is hereby communicating to the Council a note verbale dated 28 August 2009 from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations (see annex).

¹ E/2009/78.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

³ C.N.474.2009.TREATIES.3.



Annex

Note verbale dated 28 August 2009 from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Office of Legal Affairs

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and, with reference to the note by the Secretary-General contained in document E/2009/78 regarding the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 (New York, 8 August 1975), has the pleasure to inform that following the transmission of the suggested amendments to the relevant authorities of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Mission has been informed that coca leaf is included in schedule no. 5 of National Law 182 of 1960 regarding the control of narcotics and the regulation of their use and trade, which states that coca leaf is one of the crops prohibited for cultivation in the Arab Republic of Egypt due to its negative effect on human health. In this regard, the authorities of the Arab Republic of Egypt reject the proposed amendment.
