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### INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

Letter dated 15 August 1984 from the Permanent Representative of  
Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, with a view to combating the illicit production of and traffic in drugs, the Government of Bolivia has issued Supreme Decree No. 20372, dated 31 July 1984, declaring the Chapare Tropical region located in the Department of Cochabamba a military zone. The Decree provides for the seizure of cocaine factories and of the inputs for manufacturing cocaine and for the control of foreigners without legal papers authorizing their presence in the country, as well as for the confiscation of weapons and for the detention of persons belonging to irregular groups.

The purpose of these measures is also to safeguard the lives and livelihood of the population of the Chapare and to protect rural property and legally established plant and machinery. Moreover, development projects will be promoted and protected.

Furthermore, the Decree stipulates that herbicides and other chemical products that might cause ecological damage in the region and arrest the growth of cultivated trees and plants, which are the product of the labours of the farmers, may not be used under any circumstances.

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I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 101 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Jorge GUMUCIO GRANIER  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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