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### Basic programme of work of the Council

## 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-General (E/2009/78) 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,<sup>1</sup> 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 Notification<sup>2</sup> dated 30 July 2009.

The Secretary-General is hereby communicating to the Council a note verbale dated 31 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations (see annex).

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>2</sup> C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3.



**Annex**

**Note verbale dated 31 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat**

The Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3 dated 30 July 2009, which informed the States parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 (the Single Convention) of the Economic and Social Council's decision to initiate the procedures under article 47, paragraph 1 (b), of the Single Convention, regarding the proposal to amend the Single Convention as communicated in the Secretary-General's note C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-2 dated 6 April 2009.

Singapore adopts a zero-tolerance policy towards drugs, and pursues a comprehensive national strategy to combat the scourge of drugs comprising a high-profile public education campaign; treatment and rehabilitation of drug offenders; as well as strict laws and stiff penalties against those involved in the drug trade. Singapore regards the Single Convention as a fundamental component of our national anti-drugs policy as it, inter alia, facilitates the taking of effective measures against abuse of narcotic drugs through coordinated and universal action. The Single Convention's multipronged approach has proven effective over time and Singapore does not see any benefit in making amendments which weaken it.

The Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations hereby informs the United Nations that the Government of Singapore does not accept the proposed amendment to the Single Convention.

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