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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 28 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Denmark 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 28 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's Depository Notification dated 12 March 2009 (C.N.194.2009.TREATIES-2), which communicated a proposal of amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (the Convention), and also to the Secretary-General's Depository Notification dated 30 July 2009 (C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3), which informed the States Parties to the Convention of the decision of the Economic and Social Council to initiate the procedures established under article 47, paragraph 1 (b), of the Convention with regard to the proposal.

States Parties to the Convention undertake an obligation to limit the use of narcotic drugs exclusively to medical and scientific purposes. States Parties also recognize that measures against the abuse of narcotic drugs require coordinated and universal action. Schedule I to the Convention lists coca leaf as a narcotic drug. In considering the proposal of amendments, States Parties should be guided by the principles and objectives of the Convention.

In the light of those considerations, the Government of Denmark hereby informs the Secretary-General in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1 (b), of the Convention, that it rejects the proposals of amendments submitted by the Plurinational State of Bolivia and that it finds no reason for calling a conference to consider the amendments.

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