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### Note verbale dated 31 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to refer to note 4-3-40/2011, in which Ecuador supports the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961.

The Government of Ecuador, as a member of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), has the honour to transmit a copy of the Georgetown Declaration of 26 November 2010, in which the member States of UNASUR “taking into account the claim of the values of peoples, ... acknowledged that the chewing of coca leaves is an ancestral cultural expression of the people of Bolivia that should be respected by the international community” (para. 32).

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador is transmitting the relevant part of the above-mentioned declaration.



**Annex to the note verbale dated 31 January 2011 from the  
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to the Secretary-General**

**Declaration of the Council of Heads of State and Government of  
the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)**

**Georgetown Declaration**

“The Heads of State and Government of the Member Countries of the Union of South American Nations — UNASUR — meeting in Georgetown, Cooperative Republic of Guyana, on November 26, 2010:

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