

Reference: C.N.93.2013.TREATIES-VI.18 (Depositary Notification)

SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961, AS AMENDED BY THE
PROTOCOL AMENDING THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC
DRUGS, 1961

NEW YORK, 8 AUGUST 1975

PORTUGAL: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATION CONTAINED IN THE COMMUNICATION BY
THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA¹

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,
communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 8 January 2013.

(Original English)

"The Government of the Portuguese Republic refers to the note of the Secretary-General, C.N.829.2011.TREATIES-28 (Depositary Notification), of 10 January 2012, containing an instrument of accession of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the above Convention, with a proposed reservation.

The Plurinational State of Bolivia deposited its instrument of denunciation 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, with effect as of 1 January 2012.

On 29 December 2011, Bolivia informed the depositary of its intention to accede once again to the Convention, subject to the authorisation by the States Parties of a reservation, submitted in accordance with Article 50, paragraph 3 of the Convention.

The Government of the Portuguese Republic considers that the United Nations' drug control conventions are the corner stone of the international legal framework for the fight against drugs.

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.829.2011.TREATIES-28 of 10 January 2012
(Communication: Bolivia (Plurinational State of)).


The Government of the Portuguese Republic recognizes the efforts of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to reduce the production and trade in illicit coca products and respects the cultural importance of the coca leaf in Bolivia as part of Bolivian heritage.

However, the Government of the Portuguese Republic has serious concerns regarding the procedure followed by the Plurinational State of Bolivia of denouncing the Convention followed by an immediate re-accession with a reservation, since the Government of the Portuguese Republic considers that submitting the said reservation is not possible since 13 of December 1989, in accordance with the Articles 49, paragraph 2 and 41, paragraph 1 of the Convention.

The Government of the Portuguese Republic therefore objects to the proposed aforesaid reservation made by the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

Should the reservation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia be deemed to be permitted in accordance with Article 50, paragraph 3 of the Convention, this objection shall not constitute an obstacle to the entry into force of the Convention between the Portuguese Republic and the Plurinational State of Bolivia."

16 January 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JGW', is written below the date.