CND Res.1(VII). The Problem of the Coca Leaf

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Taking into account the mandate given to the United Nations Commission of Enquiry on the Coca Leaf by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 159 IV(VII) of 10 August 1948,


Referring to the recommendations of the Commission of Enquiry relating to the limitation of the production and the control of the distribution of coca leaves,

In response to the desire expressed, submits to the Council, in accordance with its resolution 395 D (XIII) of 9 August 1951, the following recommendations:

(a) Taking into account the economic and social nature of the chewing of coca leaves and the agreement in principle given by the Governments of Bolivia and Peru to the experiments proposed in document E/1666/Add.1/Rev.1, page 11, fifth and sixth paragraphs and page 12, first and second paragraphs, and in document E/CN.7/235, pages 14 and 15, paragraphs (1) and (5) of the conclusions, the Commission recommends the Council to request the technical assistance services of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, with the help of the Secretariat, to study the possibility of undertaking these experiments within the framework of the existing technical assistance programmes in Bolivia and Peru;

(b) The Commission recommends the Council to request the Governments of Bolivia and Peru to take the necessary steps to limit immediately the production of coca leaves to licit consumption and manufacture; and

(c) The Commission recommends the Council to urge the Governments of Bolivia and Peru to take effective measures to prevent the introduction into trading channels of coca leaves and cocaine which could form a source of supply for the illicit manufacture or export of narcotic drugs.

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