At its 854th meeting on 23 February 1978, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided, in order to make available to the Arab countries working instruments containing the texts of the international conventions and to permit their speedier adhesion to those conventions, that the Division of Narcotic Drugs, in collaboration with other units concerned of the Secretariat, should issue, as soon as possible, in Arabic as United Nations publications, the texts of the following:

(a) Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;

(b) Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;

(c) Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971

in a form similar to that of the United Nations publications already issued in English, French, Russian and Spanish (cf. Sales Nos.: 62.XI.1, 77.XI.3 and 78.XI.3).