NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL--In accordance with Article 21 of the Convention of 13 July 1931 for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following legislative text.

SUPREME DEGREE 6272
20 November 1962

Victor Paz Estenssoro,
President of the Republic,

CONSIDERING that since the introduction of Land Reform and the consequent improvement in the social, economic and cultural conditions of the rural population, the coca leaf chewing habit has declined;
That on the other hand the manufacture of and illicit traffic in cocaine have increased;
That it is the duty of the State to protect the physical and mental health of the population by establishing, in addition to legislation for the suppression of such illicit activities, regulations to control coca leaf cultivation,

HEREBY DECREES:

Article 1. As from 1 January 1963, a register is to be kept of land used for cultivation of the coca leaf, in order to facilitate its control and to obtain precise statistical data on production.

Article 2. It is expressly forbidden to engage in new cultivation of the said product or to extend existing plantations.

Article 3. On land at present used for that purpose the Ministry of Agriculture shall gradually replace such cultivation by other products, preferably food crops, and shall grant every facility for that purpose.

Article 4. In order to ensure the effectiveness of such measures, the Government shall request the international organizations to exercise suitable control and supervision and to furnish technical and economic assistance.

Article 5. This Decree shall be implemented by the Ministries of Public Health and Agriculture.

Given at the Government Palace in the City of La Paz,
20 November 1962

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