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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Commission the following communication which he has received from the Government of the French Republic since the distribution of document E/CN.7/274.

France, 7 April 1954

The suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs in France is under the direction of the Central Office for the Suppression of the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs of the Ministry of the Interior, General Directorate of National Security, in virtue of the Decree of 21 November 1933 as amended by the Decree of 3 August 1953.

The latter text,^{*} recently transmitted to the United Nations Secretariat, has reorganized the procedure for co-ordinating the suppression of the illicit traffic in the spirit of resolution 436 C (XIV) of the Economic and Social Council.

The Central Office is the agency provided for in article 11 of the Convention signed at Geneva on 26 June 1936.

Under article 5 of the Decree of 3 August 1953, it is authorized "to keep in touch and correspond directly with the central offices of other States, the International Criminal Police Commission and any other agency dealing with the suppression of the illicit drug traffic."

^{*} See E/NL.1953/139.

The French Government unreservedly supports the opinion expressed by the Economic and Social Council that international co-operation is absolutely essential to the effective suppression of the illicit traffic.

The Central Office is guided by this principle inter alia in drafting the reports specified in the conventions in force and sent regularly to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and in providing substantial information to the International Criminal Police Commission which communicates it to all the States concerned.

The Central Office has not only had occasion several times to correspond directly with the central offices of other States but has also successfully solved certain cases with the co-operation of foreign specialists.
