

*Article 11*

1. Each of the High Contracting Parties shall set up, within the framework of its domestic law, a central office for the supervision and co-ordination of all operations necessary to prevent the offences specified in Article 2, and for ensuring that steps are taken to prosecute persons guilty of such offences.

2. This central office:

- (a) Shall be in close contact with other official institutions or bodies dealing with narcotic drugs;
- (b) Shall centralise all information of a nature to facilitate the investigation and prevention of the offences specified in Article 2;
- (c) Shall be in close contact with and may correspond direct with the central offices of other countries.

3. Where the Government of a High Contracting Party is federal in character, or where the executive authority of its Government is distributed between central and local Governments, the supervision and co-ordination specified in paragraph 1 and the execution of the functions specified in (a) and (b) of paragraph 2 shall be carried out in conformity with the constitutional or administrative system thereof.

4. Where the present Convention has been applied to any territory by virtue of Article 18, the requirements of the present Article may be carried out by means of a central office set up in or for that territory acting in conjunction, if necessary, with the central office in the metropolitan territory concerned.

5. The powers and the functions of the central office may be delegated to the special administration referred to in Article 15 of the Convention for limiting the Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of 1931.

*Article 12.*

1. The central office shall co-operate with the central offices of foreign countries to the greatest extent possible, in order to facilitate the prevention and punishment of the offences specified in Article 2.

2. The office shall, so far as it thinks expedient, communicate to the central office of any country which may be concerned:

- (a) Particulars which would make it possible to carry out any investigations or operations relating to any transactions in progress or proposed;
- (b) Any particulars which it has been able to secure regarding the identity and the description of traffickers with a view to supervising their movements;
- (c) Discoveries of secret factories of narcotics drugs.

*Article 13.*

1. The transmission of letters of request relating to the offences referred to in Article 2 shall be effected:

- (a) Preferably by direct communication between the competent authorities of each country or through the central offices, or
- (b) By direct correspondence between the Ministers of Justice of the two countries or by direct communication from another competent authority of the country making the request to the Minister of Justice of the country to which the request is made, or
- (c) Through the diplomatic or consular representative of the country making the request in the country to which the request is made. For this purpose, the letters of request shall be sent by such representative to the authority designated by the country to which the request is made.