

22. ENQUIRY CONCERNING THE MASTICATION OF COCA LEAVES

The representative of Peru submitted in the Third Committee a resolution asking the Economic and Social Council to consider the advisability of sending a committee of experts to study the effects of the habit of chewing coca leaves on the inhabitants of certain Andean regions. In submitting this resolution the Peruvian representative stated that, in this respect, a social problem of the first order existed. The Peruvian resolution was approved in committee without discussion and was unanimously adopted in the plenary session of the General Assembly of November 17, 1947.