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Improving the collection, reporting and analysis of data to monitor the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

Revised set of data collection tools and mechanisms for the collection, collation, analysis and reporting of data, prepared by the expert group on data collection

Note by the Secretariat**

I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/12, the expert group on data collection held a meeting in Vienna from 12 to 15 January 2010.***

II. Recommendations adopted by the expert group on data collection

2. The expert group on data collection adopted the recommendations set forth in the paragraphs below, including a recommendation on proposed measures to build the capacity of Member States to collect and report information.

3. The expert group on data collection recommended that a revised draft annual report questionnaire, to be made up of four parts but to be considered a single,

* E/CN.7/2010/1.

** The present document was submitted after the date required by the 10-week rule as the meeting of the expert group on data collection was held from 12 to 15 January 2010.

*** See the report on the meeting of the expert group on data collection (UNODC/CND/EG.1/2010/8).



comprehensive data collection tool, as amended at the meeting, be submitted to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fifty-third session for its consideration. The expert group also recommended that, pursuant to Commission resolution 52/12, the Secretariat should carry out a consultative process with Member States. The expert group further recommended that the revised draft annual report questionnaire be made available to Member States in the six official languages of the United Nations, asking for supplementary comments to be compiled in a conference room paper for submission to the Commission at its fifty-third session.

4. In addition to adopting the above-mentioned recommendations, the expert group on data collection adopted the recommendations set forth below, which were put forward by participants in the meeting under agenda items 4 and 5.

Revision of the mechanism to collect and report information

5. The following recommendations were made with regard to the revision of the mechanism to collect and report information:

(a) Each Member State should nominate one focal point for collecting data and information on illicit drugs. The transmission of such data and information to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) should be made in accordance with domestic laws and regulations. A list of focal points could be updated by the Secretariat;

(b) Collaboration among regional and international organizations should be encouraged in order to achieve greater coherence and compatibility of methods and approaches in data collection on the world drug situation;

(c) In recognition of the substantial resource implications involved, a costed proposal should be submitted to the Commission for consideration at its fifty-third session, outlining a strategy for the development of a Web-based reporting mechanism and the provision of technical support to those reporting within this system;

(d) All documentation related to the collection of data should be translated into the six official languages of the United Nations; in particular, those translations should retain the precise meaning of all technical terms.

Measures to build the capacity of Member States to collect and report information

6. Capacity-building, including in relation to the provision of training in completing the revised draft annual report questionnaire, should be made a priority with a view to improving the quantity and quality of data.

III. Content and structure of the revised draft annual report questionnaire

7. Pursuant to Commission resolution 52/12, the expert group on data collection prepared, for consideration and possible adoption by the Commission at its fifty-third session, the revised draft annual report questionnaire annexed to the present note. The annex consists of the four parts of the revised draft annual report

questionnaire. To facilitate the processing of the revised draft annual report questionnaire, each part appears in a separate addendum to the present document:

- (a) Part I. Legislative and institutional framework (E/CN.7/2010/15/Add.1);
 - (b) Part II. Comprehensive approach to drug demand reduction (E/CN.7/2010/15/Add.2);
 - (c) Part III. Extent, patterns and trends in drug use (E/CN.7/2010/15/Add.3);
 - (d) Part IV. Extent, patterns and trends in drug cultivation, manufacture and trafficking (E/CN.7/2010/15/Add.4).
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