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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Elections are held in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. Meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, have in the past elected a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its thirty-eighth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommended that general statements and statistics relating to national trends in drug trafficking should not be read out during the course of the Meetings but rather circulated in written form. Bearing that recommendation in mind, Governments were invited to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime by 8 August 2011 a two-page report on the most recent trends in drug trafficking in their countries. Only those country reports which have been received by that date will be translated into the other working languages of the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Twenty-first Meeting will establish a programme of work for the session. A provisional programme of work for the consideration of the Meeting is contained in the annex to the present document.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (UNODC/HONLAC/21/1)

3. Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures

Participants are invited to inform the Twenty-first Meeting of action taken by their Governments to enhance regional and subregional cooperation in areas such as joint investigations, law enforcement training and sharing of information on and experiences with drug trafficking countermeasures.

Participants are requested to inform the Meeting of measures taken to counter drug trafficking and practical problems that impede cooperation at the regional and subregional levels, as well as measures to overcome such problems.

A conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on the current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation will be made available to the Meeting.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on statistics on drug trafficking trends in the Americas and worldwide (UNODC/HONLAC/21/2)

4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean

Participants are invited to inform the Twenty-first Meeting of action taken by their Governments in the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Lima from 4 to 7 October 2010. For the consideration of this item, the Twenty-first Meeting will have before it a note by the Secretariat based on the replies submitted by Governments to a questionnaire on action taken to implement the recommendations.

To enable the Secretariat to prepare a report on the status of implementation of the recommendations, Governments are urged to return the completed questionnaire by 8 August 2011.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the review of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean (UNODC/HONLAC/21/3)

5. Consideration of topics by working groups

Ad hoc working groups will be established to consider drug trafficking issues of regional importance and to facilitate informal discussions and frank exchanges of views, with a view to enhancing cooperation between drug law enforcement agencies. The working groups are invited to present their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the plenary for endorsement and inclusion in the report on the Twenty-first Meeting.

On the basis of consultations on developments in the region, each working group will be invited to consider one of the issues.

(a) Building partnerships with the chemical industry to strengthen precursor control

Participants will be asked to share their experiences in and strategies for improving controls over precursor chemicals, with particular reference to initiatives taken by their Governments to engage and foster collaborative partnerships with the chemical industry. Participants will be invited to share examples of and case studies on the response and engagement of the chemical industry in this regard and requested to provide details on initiatives that have been implemented as a result of their interaction with the industry. The working group will focus on identifying the challenges to be overcome in developing such cooperation. To that end, participants will be invited to share practical examples of public-private sector partnerships that they support. Participants will also be invited to bring to the attention of the working group relevant international or industry guidelines to support such partnerships as the “Guidelines for a voluntary code of practice for the chemical industry” formulated under the auspices of the International Narcotics Control Board.

(b) Implementing effective border controls

Participants will examine current challenges to effective border control that are facing drug law enforcement authorities operating at land, sea and air entry and exit points. Participants are requested to come prepared to describe the current trafficking trends they are experiencing and the challenges they face at their borders in tackling drug trafficking by providing information on the *modi operandi* of trafficking organizations, drug types and the nationalities of those involved. Participants will be invited to inform the working group of the strategies, responses and procedures that have been introduced by their authorities and that have proved effective in detecting traffickers and their cargoes. Participants will be expected to share their experiences with respect to the importance of the timely exchange of information among authorities (both nationally and internationally) and the efficacy of existing mechanisms for communication, and to put forward practical suggestions on how these may be improved. The working group will be asked to consider how integrated border management approaches being implemented to facilitate international trade and commerce have an impact on law enforcement operations. Participants will be asked to provide specific examples and case studies related to their experiences, with a view to developing proposals and recommendations to support enhanced coordination and cooperation among all relevant authorities and agencies involved in border security and trade facilitation in order to improve the effectiveness of regional border controls in countering drug trafficking.

(c) Addressing the proceeds of drug trafficking

Participants will focus discussion on the strategies, legislation and expertise required to address recovering the profits generated by drug trafficking and the responses and experiences of authorities in this field. Participants will be asked to share their experiences in the investigation of money-laundering offences and the seizure and forfeiture of assets acquired by traffickers. Participants will be asked to identify the challenges to be overcome in order to deprive criminals of money and other assets derived from drug trafficking, as well as to consider aspects related to legislation, powers, expertise and cooperation with the financial sector that need to be collectively developed in order to arrive at conclusions and recommendations that will assist the region in making a strong collective response to money-laundering.

6. Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

In its resolution 64/182, the General Assembly, welcoming the outcome of the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, adopted the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect. II.A.) and called upon States to take the necessary measures to fully implement the actions set out therein, with a view to attaining in a timely manner their goals and targets.

In adopting the Plan of Action, Member States recognized that it constituted an integral part of and complemented the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex), the

Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development (Assembly resolution S-20/4 E) and the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction (Assembly resolution 54/132, annex).

In the Political Declaration, Member States committed themselves to effectively implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action through resolute international cooperation, in collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations.

In its resolution 65/233, the General Assembly encouraged the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation and in that regard acknowledged the discussions conducted at the Twentieth Meeting.

Participants will be invited to consider the challenges posed to the States of the region with regard to the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, particularly part II of the Plan of Action, on supply reduction and related measures, as well as the implications with regard to follow-up and the contribution that the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, could make to the Commission in that regard.

7. Organization of the Twenty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean

The Twenty-first Meeting will consider a draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, including topics for discussion in working groups and possible venues for future meetings. For planning purposes, a decision at the Twenty-first Meeting on the venue of the Twenty-second Meeting and the topics for the working groups would greatly facilitate the preparation and organization of the Twenty-second Meeting. The Secretariat will provide, upon request, a copy of the standard letter of agreement setting out the contributions of the United Nations and of the host Government.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the Twenty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean (UNODC/HONLAC/21/4)

8. Other business

Under the item on other business, the Twenty-first Meeting may wish to address other important issues, such as urgent matters arising from the country reports.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the review of the functioning of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (UNODC/HONLAC/20/5)

9. Adoption of the report

The Twenty-first Meeting will adopt its report, including the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the working groups, on the last day of the Meeting.

Annex

Provisional programme of work

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 3 October	8.30 a.m.		Registration
	10 a.m.		Opening of the Twenty-first Meeting
		1	Election of officers
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
Monday, 3 October	2.30 p.m.	3	Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures
		3	Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 4 October	10 a.m.	4	Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Twentieth Meeting
	2.30 p.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups
Wednesday, 5 October	10 a.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
	2.30 p.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 6 October	10 a.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
	2.30 p.m.	6	Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action
Friday, 7 October	10 a.m.	7	Organization of the Twenty-second Meeting
	2.30 p.m.	8	Other business
		9	Adoption of the report of the Twenty-first Meeting