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**Twelfth Meeting of Heads of National  
Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe**

Vienna, 27-30 June 2017

Item 8 of the provisional agenda\*\*

**Organization of the Thirteenth Meeting of Heads of  
National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe****Organization of the Thirteenth Meeting of Heads of  
National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe****Note by the Secretariat**

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2005/28, entitled “Frequency of meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe”, invited the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to convene the Seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, in 2007 and thereafter to convene such meetings every two years under the auspices of the Office. Therefore, the Thirteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe will be held in 2019.
2. The draft provisional agenda for the Thirteenth Meeting is annexed to the present note.
3. Item 4 of the provisional agenda for the Thirteenth Meeting will be devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Twelfth Meeting. A questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments to implement those recommendations will be sent with the invitations for the Thirteenth Meeting. A report summarizing the responses from Member States will be prepared in order to facilitate consideration of the implementation of the recommendations of the present meeting during the Thirteenth Meeting.
4. At the fortieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the view was expressed that the recommendations adopted by the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission would be meaningless if Governments did not take action, including, where necessary, the enactment of domestic legislation, to implement those recommendations. States represented in the Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, are urged to promptly implement those recommendations so that an effective evaluation of progress can be made.

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\* Available only in English, French, Russian and Spanish, which are the working languages of the subsidiary body.

\*\* [UNODC/HONEURO/12/1](#).



5. It would be highly desirable for the Twelfth Meeting to identify the topics that would be most appropriate for consideration by working groups at the Thirteenth Meeting. The Meeting may also wish to revisit topics that have already been discussed at previous sessions, which may benefit from further in-depth discussion or consideration from a particular perspective. Alternatively, the Meeting may wish to decide to request the Secretariat to informally consult Member States of the region with a view to identifying topics for consideration by working groups.
6. In its resolution 56/10, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs requested the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission to contribute to the monitoring of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem at the regional level.
7. In the same resolution, the Commission encouraged Member States to consider the expertise and composition of their delegations to the meetings of its subsidiary bodies, with a view to covering the various aspects of the world drug problem (demand, supply and international cooperation) in order to hold substantive discussions on the issue.
8. The General Assembly held a special session on the world drug problem from 19 to 21 April 2016 and adopted an outcome document entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem” (General Assembly resolution S-30/1, annex.). The outcome document covers a broad range of operational recommendations, organized in seven chapters. Member States resolved to take the steps necessary to implement the operational recommendations, in close partnership with the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations and civil society, and to share with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control matters, timely information on progress made in the implementation of those recommendations. At the Thirteenth Meeting, participants will have the opportunity to discuss national and regional issues pertaining to the world drug problem, drawing on the outcome of the special session.
9. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided, at its sixtieth session, in March 2017, to convene a ministerial segment during its sixty-second session, to be held in Vienna in 2019, to take stock of the implementation of the commitments made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in the light of the 2019 target date of the Political Declaration. At the Thirteenth Meeting, participants will have the opportunity to discuss the follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, and to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, taking into consideration also the ministerial segment of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
10. The Thirteenth Meeting will also provide participants with an opportunity to address any action by the Commission, further to its decision 60/1, taken in response to paragraph 97 of General Assembly resolution 71/211, inviting the Commission to examine how its subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the implementation of the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly held in 2016.

## Annex

### **Draft provisional agenda for the Thirteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe**

1. Election of officers.
  2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
  3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation.
  4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Twelfth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe.
  5. 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, and to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, taking into consideration also the ministerial segment of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
  6. Consideration of topics by working groups.
  7. Implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs decision 60/1, on strengthening the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
  8. Organization of the Fourteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe.
  9. Other business.
  10. Adoption of the report of the Thirteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe.
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