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**Twenty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National  
Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa**

Algiers, 14-18 September 2015

Item 7 of the provisional agenda\*\*

**Organization of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of Heads of  
National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa****Organization of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of Heads of  
National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa****Note by the Secretariat**

1. Representatives whose Governments wish to act as host for the Twenty-sixth or a subsequent meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, are invited to inform the Twenty-fifth Meeting accordingly. That information will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fifty-ninth session, in 2016.
2. The draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-sixth Meeting is annexed to the present note.
3. Item 4 of the draft provisional agenda is devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Twenty-fourth Meeting. In order to facilitate reporting, a questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments to implement those recommendations will be transmitted together with the invitation to attend the Twenty-sixth 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 remain meaningless if Governments did not take action, including, where necessary, the enactment of national legislation, to implement those recommendations. States represented at the Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, are urged to implement such

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recommendations conscientiously and promptly so that an effective evaluation of their progress can be made.

5. It would be desirable for the Twenty-fifth Meeting to identify the topics that would be most appropriate for consideration by working groups at the Twenty-sixth Meeting. Alternatively, the Meeting may wish to request the Secretariat to consult the States members informally with a view to identifying topics for consideration by the working groups.

6. In its resolution 67/193, the General Assembly decided to convene, early in 2016, a special session on the world drug problem to review the progress in 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, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments.

7. Furthermore, 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 at the regional level by discussing regional views on progress made in that regard under the agenda item entitled “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 the same resolution, the Commission encouraged Member States to hold substantive discussions on the issue and to actively participate in the discussion under the above-mentioned agenda item, and requested the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, on the basis of their deliberations, to submit regional recommendations aimed at moving forward in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

8. The General Assembly, in its resolution 69/200, decided that the Commission, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, should lead the preparatory process by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner, and noted efforts made by the Commission to take all measures necessary to use its existing meetings and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner to ensure adequate preparation for the special session in 2016.

9. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission adopted resolution 58/8, entitled “Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”, whereby it also recommended to the Economic and Social Council the approval of a draft resolution, as contained in that resolution, for adoption by the General Assembly, on the modalities relating to the special session of the General Assembly. In that resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the special session on the world drug problem would be convened for three days, from 19 to 21 April 2016.

10. At the Twenty-sixth 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, with a view to strengthening the operational and global implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action by the 2019 target date set in the Declaration.

## Annex

### **Draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa**

1. Election of officers.
  2. Adoption of the agenda.
  3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation.
  4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Twenty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa.
  5. Consideration of topics by working groups: [*to be determined*].
  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 preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016.
  7. Organization of the Twenty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa.
  8. Other business.
  9. Adoption of the report.
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