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

Addis Ababa, 19-23 September 2016

Item 7 of the provisional agenda**

**Organization of the Twenty-seventh Meeting of Heads of
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1. Representatives whose Governments wish to act as host for the Twenty-seventh or a subsequent meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, are invited to inform the Twenty-sixth Meeting accordingly. That information will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its sixtieth session, in 2017.
2. The draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-seventh Meeting is annexed to the present note.
3. Item 4 of the draft provisional agenda will be devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Twenty-fifth 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-seventh 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-sixth Meeting to identify the topics that would be most appropriate for consideration by working groups at the Twenty-seventh 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. Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly convened a special session on the world drug problem from 19 to 21 April 2016 at United Nations Headquarters in New York 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. In the outcome document, adopted by the Assembly at its special session, as contained in Assembly resolution S-30/1 entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”, the Assembly, *inter alia*, recommended to “strengthen, including through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and, as appropriate, its subsidiary bodies, the regular exchange of information, good practices and lessons learned among national practitioners from different fields and at all levels to effectively implement an integrated and balanced approach to the world drug problem and its various aspects and consider additional measures to further facilitate meaningful discussion among those practitioners”. In that document, Member States also reaffirmed their commitment to the goals and objectives of the three international drug conventions, as well as the principal role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control matters. The outcome document also serves as a point of departure for ensuring a successful follow-up to UNGASS 2016, supporting the implementation of the relevant Goals of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and developing a sound basis for 2019, which had been set as a target date in the Political Declaration.

8. 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.

9. At the Twenty-seventh Meeting, participants will also have the opportunity to discuss national and regional issues pertaining to the world drug problem, 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. Participants might also wish to discuss how their governments and region can best contribute to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the outcome document of the special session, drawing on their technical expertise and their regional experiences.

Annex

Draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-seventh 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 in countering drug trafficking.
 4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Twenty-fifth 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 and to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, held in 2016.
 7. Organization of the Twenty-eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa.
 8. Other business.
 9. Adoption of the report.
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