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**Thirty-ninth Meeting of Heads of  
National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies,  
Asia and the Pacific**

Bangkok, 19-22 October 2015

**Annotated provisional agenda****Provisional agenda**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures.
4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
5. Consideration of topics by working groups:
  - (a) Current trends in the manufacture, trafficking and consumption of amphetamine-type stimulants and new psychoactive substances;
  - (b) Successful solutions and practices in the area of forensics;
  - (c) Harmonization of legislation and practices at the international level.
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 to be held in 2016.
7. Organization of the Fortieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report of the Thirty-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.

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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, Asia and the Pacific, have in the past elected a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

The draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, was approved at the Thirty-eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 21 to 24 October 2014.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Thirty-ninth Meeting may wish to establish a timetable and agree on its organization of work. A proposed organization of work for the consideration of the Meeting is contained in the annex to the present document.

#### **Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations (UNODC/HONLAP/39/1)

### **3. Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its thirty-eighth session, recommended that general statements relating to national trends and statistics should not be read out but rather should be circulated in written form. Accordingly, Governments were invited to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, by 25 August 2015, a three-page report on the most recent trends in drug trafficking in their countries.

Participants are invited to inform the Thirty-ninth Meeting about 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 in drug trafficking countermeasures.

Participants are also invited to inform the Thirty-ninth Meeting about measures taken to counter drug trafficking at the national and regional levels.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on statistical analysis of drug trafficking trends in East, South-East and South Asia, Oceania and worldwide (UNODC/HONLAP/39/2)

Report of the Secretariat on regional and subregional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/39/3)

#### **4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific**

Participants are invited to inform the Thirty-ninth Meeting about action taken by their Governments to implement the recommendations adopted at the Thirty-seventh Meeting. For its consideration of this item, the Thirty-ninth Meeting will have before it a note prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the replies submitted by Governments on action taken to implement those recommendations.

To enable the Secretariat to prepare a report on the status of implementation of those recommendations, a note verbale was transmitted to Governments on 1 July 2015, urging them to return the completed questionnaire by 25 August 2015.

##### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/39/4)

#### **5. Consideration of topics by working groups**

Working groups will be established to review issues of regional importance in the area of drug control and to facilitate informal discussions and exchanges of views on those matters. Subjects identified by the Thirty-eighth Meeting have been included under the three main working group topics. Speakers with relevant specialized knowledge will be invited to make introductory presentations on those subjects to inform the working groups and facilitate discussion. In preparing for the Meeting, delegates are invited to prepare material on the topics listed below.

##### **(a) Current trends in the manufacture, trafficking and consumption of amphetamine-type stimulants and new psychoactive substances**

The consumption of methamphetamine remains at high levels across the Asia and Pacific region, with demand being fed by trafficking syndicates operating from both within the region and from external manufacturing sites in West Africa, West Asia and Mexico. This working group will discuss current trends in the manufacture, trafficking and consumption of amphetamine-type stimulants, as well as of new psychoactive substances. Issues discussed may include how communities have responded to the availability of new psychoactive substances, whether health authorities have noted changes in abuse and treatment patterns, and factors identified by law enforcement authorities as having an impact on the availability of such substances. Participants will be encouraged to share their national experiences and observations, as well as challenges met and responses developed.

##### **(b) Successful solutions and practices in the area of forensics**

Every contact leaves a trace, and all crime scenes where evidence is to be found, gathered, stored and retained must be well managed by a dedicated crime-scene investigator in order to prevent contamination of the scene and the destruction or disturbance of physical evidence. There can be a lack of awareness among many first responders as to what to do upon arrival at a crime scene. Therefore, it is essential that first responders take appropriate initial actions at crime scenes where drug offences have been discovered that are consistent within a well-defined

procedure for collecting, recording and securely storing physical evidence. This working group will examine the current preparedness of authorities to gather and preserve evidence for future use in prosecutions. Participants will be invited to share their practices, training examples and experiences with regard to what works well and where challenges remain.

**(c) Harmonization of legislation and practices at the international level**

Law enforcement authorities must be supported with legislation and operational procedures that enable them to investigate and collect evidence relating to offences involving illicit trafficking and organized crime. They must also be encouraged to engage in a collaborative response with both agencies at the national level and foreign counterparts, which are daily engaged in supporting one another to combat drug trafficking. After acknowledging the practical advantages of coordination at the national and international levels, the next practical steps for similarly mandated agencies are information-sharing, the pooling of resources, agreement on the execution of joint operations and the designation of focal points for regular contact and communication. Participants in this working group will be invited to identify areas in which changes to agency practices have enabled them to better respond to challenges posed by drug trafficking and related organized criminal offences. Examples of approaches that have been effective in addressing those challenges should form the basis of presentations and discussions. The range of related topics may also include border liaison offices, joint agency task forces and controlled deliveries.

**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 to be held in 2016**

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.

In its resolution 56/10, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs requested the meetings of its subsidiary bodies 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 consider the expertise and composition of their delegations to the meetings of the 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 and to actively participate in the discussions under the above-mentioned agenda item, and requested the meetings of the subsidiary bodies,

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.

In its resolution 68/197, the General Assembly welcomed Commission resolution 56/12 and requested the Commission, as the United Nations organ with prime responsibility for drug control matters, to engage in the preparatory process for the special session, including by presenting proposals from the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Commission through the Economic and Social Council in support of the preparatory process, including progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, to be considered by the Assembly starting at its sixty-ninth session.

Pursuant to paragraph 40 of the Political Declaration, at its fifty-seventh session the Commission conducted a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, which led to the adoption of the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 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. In the Joint Ministerial Statement, the ministers and government representatives participating in the high-level segment acknowledged the tangible progress made by Member States in countering the world drug problem, while underscoring that both the persistent and the new challenges related to drug demand and supply reduction and to countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation remained a common and shared responsibility. The Joint Ministerial Statement provided a strong basis for the continued preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.

At its fifty-seventh session, the Commission adopted resolution 57/5, entitled “Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”, in which it recognized its own leading role in the preparatory process, and decided, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, to take all possible measures to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process for the special session by using its existing meetings and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner.

Pursuant to its resolution 57/5, the Commission initiated an intensive consultation process with all stakeholders (Member States, United Nations entities, international and regional organizations and civil society) to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process. As an initial step, a website was established for the special session ([www.ungass2016.org](http://www.ungass2016.org)) to enable global dialogue to take place in an inclusive and transparent manner and to function as a hub of knowledge, evidence and research on various aspects of the world drug problem. All relevant United Nations entities, international and regional organizations and non-governmental organizations have been invited to send written contributions to the Secretariat. All the contributions received are posted on the website, along with the agendas of and presentations made during the intersessional meetings and information on informal interactive discussions and side events that have been organized.

At its reconvened fifty-seventh session, in December 2014, the Commission adopted decision 57/2, pursuant to which a Board tasked by the Commission with

preparations for the special session was established, based on the regional distribution of officers of the Bureau of the Commission at its fifty-seventh session.

In its resolution 69/200, the General Assembly decided that the Commission, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, should lead the preparatory process of the special session of the Assembly by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner, and invited the President of the Assembly to support, guide and stay involved in the process.

At its fifty-eighth session, in March 2015, the Commission adopted resolution 58/8, entitled “Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”, and recommended to the Economic and Social Council the approval of a draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly, in which the modalities of the special session on the world drug problem were defined.

In that draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the special session would consist of a general debate and interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables conducted in parallel to the plenary. The Commission, as the entity leading the preparations for the special session, would address in an open-ended manner, supported and guided by the President of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements, including chairing arrangements, speakers and participation, for five round tables.

In addition, in the draft resolution, the Assembly would request the Commission to produce a short, substantive, concise and action-oriented document comprising a set of operational recommendations, based upon a review of the implementation of the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements and of ways to address long-standing and emerging challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments. That document, to be recommended for adoption at the plenary of the special session, would, *inter alia*, address measures to reach an effective balance between supply and demand reduction as well as address the key causes and consequences of the world drug problem, including those in the health, social, human rights, economic, justice and security fields, in line with the principle of common and shared responsibility.

Under this item, participants in the Thirty-ninth Meeting 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, but also the parts on demand reduction and related measures and on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation. Participants were requested, in a note verbale dated 1 July 2015, to include in their written reports information on the drug trafficking situation in their countries and on the regional and subregional cooperation efforts of Governments, as well as information on demand reduction and international cooperation in countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation.

Participants may also wish to discuss how they could best contribute to the preparations for the special session to be held in 2016, drawing on their technical expertise and their regional experiences, with a view to ensuring the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action by 2019.

### **Documentation**

Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (E/2009/28, chap. I, sect. C)

Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 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 (E/2014/28, chap. I, sect. C)

## **7. Organization of the Fortieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific**

The Thirty-ninth Meeting is to consider a draft provisional agenda for the Fortieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, including topics for discussion in working groups. A decision at the Thirty-ninth Meeting on the venue of the Fortieth Meeting and on the topics for the working groups would greatly facilitate the preparation and organization of the Fortieth Meeting. A conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on the standard letter of agreement and conference requirements for hosting a meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific, will be made available to participants.

### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the Fortieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/39/5)

## **8. Other business**

Under the item entitled “Other business”, the Thirty-ninth Meeting may wish to address any other important issues, such as urgent matters reflected in the country reports.

## **9. Adoption of the report of the Thirty-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific**

The Thirty-ninth Meeting will adopt its report, including the findings and recommendations of the working groups.

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Monday, 19 October</b>	8.30 a.m.	Registration
	10 a.m.	Opening
	1	Election of officers
	2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	3	Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures
	2 p.m. 4	Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific
	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 to be held in 2016
<b>Tuesday, 20 October</b>	9 a.m. 5	Consideration of topics by working groups
	1.30 p.m. 5	Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 21 October</b>	9 a.m. 5	Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
	1.30 p.m. 5	Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 22 October</b>	10 a.m. 7	Organization of the Fortieth Meeting
	8	Other business
	1.30 p.m. 9	Adoption of the report of the Thirty-ninth Meeting