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**Fortieth Meeting of Heads of National
Drug Law Enforcement Agencies,
Asia and the Pacific**

Colombo, 24-27 October 2016

Item 7 of the provisional agenda**

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1. Representatives whose Governments wish to act as host for the Forty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, or a subsequent meeting, are invited to inform the Fortieth Meeting accordingly. The information will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its sixtieth session.
2. The draft provisional agenda for the Forty-first Meeting is annexed to the present document.
3. Item 4 of the draft provisional agenda is devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Thirty-ninth Meeting. To facilitate reporting, Governments will receive a questionnaire concerning action they have taken to implement those recommendations, which will be transmitted along with the invitation to the Forty-first Meeting.
4. At the fortieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the view was expressed that the recommendations adopted by the Commission's subsidiary bodies would remain meaningless if Governments did not take action and, where necessary, enact national legislation to implement those recommendations. Participating States are urged to implement the recommendations conscientiously and promptly so that progress can be evaluated effectively.

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5. It would be highly desirable for the Fortieth Meeting to identify the most appropriate topics for consideration by the working groups at the Forty-first Meeting. Alternatively, the Meeting may wish to request the Secretariat to consult the participating States informally with a view to identifying those topics.

6. Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 67/193, 69/200 and 70/181, 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 measures 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 control 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 the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, supporting the implementation of the relevant goals of the 2030 Agenda for 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 Forty-first 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 regional experiences.

Annex

Draft provisional agenda for the Forty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific

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-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
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 Forty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report on the Forty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.