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Ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe

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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Provisional agenda and annotations

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* UNODC/HONEURO/9/1.



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. Past practice has been for the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Europe, to elect a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The draft provisional agenda for the Ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, was approved at the Eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, held in Vienna from 16 to 18 June 2009.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the 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/HONEURO/9/1)

3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation

Participants are invited to inform the Ninth Meeting of their States' efforts with respect to regional and subregional cooperation in areas such as joint investigations, law enforcement training and the sharing of information and experience in drug trafficking countermeasures.

Participants are requested to inform the Ninth Meeting of any practical problems impeding subregional cooperation and to suggest measures to overcome them.

At its thirty-eighth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommended that general statements concerning national trends and statistics should not be read out but should be circulated in written form. Participants are invited to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, prior to the holding of the Ninth Meeting, a two-page country report on trends in drug trafficking since the holding of the Eighth Meeting. Only those country reports received by the date indicated in the invitation to the Ninth Meeting will be translated into the working languages of the Meeting.

A conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on the current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation in South-Eastern and Eastern Europe (UNODC/HONEURO/9/CRP.1) will be made available to the Ninth Meeting.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on statistical analysis of drug trafficking trends in Europe and worldwide (UNODC/HONEURO/9/2)

4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe

Participants are invited to inform the Ninth Meeting of action taken by their Governments to implement the recommendations adopted by the Eighth Meeting. The Ninth Meeting will have before it a note by the Secretariat based on replies received to a questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the review of implementation, by States of the region, of the recommendations adopted by the Eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe (UNODC/HONEURO/9/3)

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

In its resolution 64/182, the General Assembly, welcoming the outcome of the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, adopted the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect. II.A), as adopted at that high-level segment, and called upon States to take the measures necessary to fully implement the actions set out therein, with a view to attaining in a timely manner their goals and targets.

In adopting the Plan of Action, Member States recognized that it complemented the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (see Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex), the Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development (Assembly resolution S-20/4 E) and the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction (Assembly resolution 54/132, annex).

Also in its resolution 64/182, the General Assembly encouraged the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation.

At the ninth meeting, participants 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, as well as the implications with regard to follow-up and the contribution that the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Europe, could make to the Commission in that regard.

6. Consideration of topics by working groups

Ad hoc working groups will be established for the purpose of reviewing issues of regional importance and facilitating informal discussions and frank exchanges of views on those issues. Working groups will be invited to present their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the plenary for endorsement and inclusion in the report of the Ninth Meeting.

(a) Regional cooperation to combat the illicit drug trade in Europe

The working group on regional cooperation to combat the illicit drug trade in Europe will examine mechanisms and strategies to encourage and support regional cooperation. Participants will be asked to share their experiences through participation in formal regional groups aimed at facilitating cooperation, including the European Police Office (Europol), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the World Customs Organization, the South-East European Cooperative Initiative, the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre, the Maritime Analysis and Operation Centre-Narcotics and others; through individual investigations and law enforcement operations against drug traffickers; and through the development of their own proactive strategies to build closer ties with their professional counterparts, such as the posting of liaison officers in other countries and the creation of law enforcement platforms for the exchange of intelligence. The working group is expected to examine good practices and may offer suggestions as to necessary changes or new cooperation initiatives.

(b) Licit trade in precursor chemicals: additional elements of effective control

The working group on licit trade in precursor chemicals will examine current trends in the region in implementing effective control over precursor chemicals and the methods adopted by trafficking organizations to circumvent them. Participants will be encouraged to share their response strategies with respect to precursor chemicals, provide examples of cases involving the investigation of diversion and briefly describe the partnerships and good practices formed with the chemical industry (e.g. with brokers and distributors). The working group may make recommendations on where additional resources and action should be directed in order to be more effective in precursor control.

(c) Coercion to cohesion: alternative models of demand reduction

Participants will be asked to share their experiences in the development of demand reduction strategies and to contribute to the development of recommendations that will support a comprehensive approach to reducing the illicit drug supply and use.

7. Organization of the Tenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe

The Ninth Meeting is invited to review a draft provisional agenda for the Tenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, including the topics to be discussed in working groups.

Participants are also invited to discuss any other matter related to the organization of the deliberations, with a view to improving their substantive content and follow-up.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the Tenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe (UNODC/HONEURO/9/4)

8. Other business

Under the item entitled “Other business”, the 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 Ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe

The Ninth Meeting will adopt its report, including the conclusions and recommendations of the working groups, at its final meeting.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Tuesday, 28 June		
8-10 a.m.		Registration
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Opening
	1	Election of officers
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation
3-6 p.m.	3	Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation (<i>continued</i>)
	4	Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Eighth Meeting
	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
Wednesday, 29 June		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6	Consideration of topics by working groups
3-6 p.m.	6	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 30 June		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	6	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 1 July		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7	Organization of the Tenth Meeting
	8	Other business
	9	Adoption of the report of the Ninth Meeting
3 p.m.	9	Adoption of the report of the Ninth Meeting (<i>continued</i>)