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**Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug
Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and
the Caribbean**

Lima, 4-7 October 2010

Provisional agenda and annotations

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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, Latin America and the Caribbean, have in the past elected a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its thirty-eighth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommended that general statements and statistics relating to national trends in illicit drug trafficking should not be read out during the course of the Meetings, but rather circulated in written form. Bearing that recommendation in mind, Governments are invited to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), by 9 August 2010, a two-page report on the most recent trends in illicit drug trafficking in their countries. Only those country reports that have been received by that date will be translated into the other working languages of the Meeting.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Twentieth Meeting is to establish a timetable for the session. A provisional timetable for the consideration of the Meeting is contained in the annex to the present document.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (UNODC/HONLAC/20/1)

3. Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures

The item will be introduced by UNODC, with an overview of current drug-trafficking trends.

Participants are invited to inform the Twentieth Meeting of 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 experience in drug trafficking countermeasures.

Participants are requested to inform the Meeting of measures taken to counter drug trafficking and practical problems impeding cooperation at the regional and subregional levels, as well as measures to overcome them.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on statistics on drug trafficking trends in the Americas and worldwide (UNODC/HONLAC/20/2)

Note by the Secretariat on the current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation (UNODC/HONLAC/20/CRP.1)

4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Nineteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean

Participants are invited to inform the Twentieth Meeting of action taken by their Governments in the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Nineteenth Meeting. For the consideration of this item, the Twentieth Meeting will have before it a note by the Secretariat based on the replies submitted by Governments on action taken to implement the recommendations.

To enable the Secretariat to prepare a report on the status of implementation of the recommendations, Governments are urged to return the completed questionnaire by 9 August 2010.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the review of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Nineteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean (UNODC/HONLAC/20/3)

5. Consideration of topics by working groups

Ad hoc working groups will be established to consider drug trafficking issues of regional importance and to facilitate informal discussions and frank exchanges of views, with a view to enhancing cooperation between drug law enforcement agencies. The working groups are invited to present their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the plenary for endorsement and inclusion in the report of the Twentieth Meeting.

On the basis of consultations on developments in the region, each working group will be invited to consider one of the following issues:

(a) Targeting drug trafficking by air

Participants in the working group will be asked to share their experience in and strategies for managing their countries' air borders. Discussion will be encouraged to cover risk assessment; profiling and targeting of commercial airlines and their passengers to identify couriers or persons of interest; practice and procedure adopted to screen commercial air cargoes, both imports and exports, and useful equipment and resources to aid this effort; the monitoring and control of national airspace; and measures introduced to prevent the use of private aircraft for drug trafficking. Participants are encouraged to provide examples and case studies to illustrate their successes and challenges encountered, including with regard to international cooperation and exchange of information.

(b) Drug trafficking and corruption

The working group will consider the problems associated with corrupt practices within law enforcement agencies and the options available to prevent such behaviour, make it unsustainable, investigate it and sanction it. Participants will be asked to speak of the measures their agencies have taken or introduced to address issues relating to integrity and professional standards and to develop a working environment in which such behaviour is viewed as unacceptable. The discussion

will also offer an opportunity to identify conditions and practices that foster an environment where corrupt practices may emerge and become established and to examine options for and the merits of independent oversight and complaint investigation bodies. Participants are encouraged to provide examples and case studies to illustrate their successes and challenges encountered.

(c) Trafficking in synthetic drugs and control of precursors

The working group will examine current trends across the region in the manufacture of and trafficking in amphetamine-type stimulants, including the use of precursor chemicals and other substances not under international control, and work to identify areas in which authorities can increase cooperation to combat them. In view of the fact that effective controls over precursor substances used in illicit cocaine manufacture are already well established across the region, participants may wish to examine the broader topic of precursor control, current trends and challenges they face and countermeasures introduced in response.

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 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 necessary measures 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 constituted an integral part of and complemented the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (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).

Member States committed themselves to effectively implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action through resolute international cooperation, in collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations.

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 to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation, and in this regard acknowledged the discussions that had taken place at the Nineteenth Meeting on how to improve cooperation among the States of Latin America and the Caribbean and the States of West Africa in combating drug trafficking.

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, particularly part II of the Plan of Action, on supply reduction and related

measures, as well as the implications with regard to follow-up and the contribution that the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, could make to the Commission in that regard.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the outcome of the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (A/64/92-E/2009/98)

7. Organization of the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean

The Twentieth Meeting is to consider a draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, including topics for discussion in working groups and possible venues for future meetings. For planning purposes a decision at the Twentieth Meeting on the venue of the Twenty-first Meeting and the topics for the working groups would greatly facilitate the preparation and organization of the Twenty-first Meeting. The Secretariat will provide, upon request, a copy of the standard letter of agreement setting out the contributions of the United Nations, on the one hand, and of the host Government, on the other.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean (UNODC/HONLAC/20/4)

8. Other business

In 2009 and early 2010, the Secretariat conducted a review of responses by members of subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to a questionnaire on the functioning of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission. The analysis of those responses was presented to the Commission at its fifty-third session, held from 8 to 12 March 2010, in a conference room paper and will now be brought to the attention of the Twentieth Meeting for its consideration (UNODC/HONLAC/20/5).

Under this item, the Twentieth Meeting may wish to address other important issues, such as urgent matters arising from the country reports.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the review of the functioning of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (UNODC/HONLAC/20/5)

9. Adoption of the report of the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean

The Twentieth Meeting will adopt its report, including the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the working groups, on the last day of the Meeting.

Annex

Provisional timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 4 October	8.30 a.m.		Registration
	10 a.m.		Opening of the Twentieth Meeting
		1	Election of officers
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
		3	Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures
	3 p.m.	3	Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 5 October	10 a.m.	4	Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Nineteenth Meeting
	3 p.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups
Wednesday, 6 October	10 a.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
	3 p.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 7 October	10 a.m.	6	Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action
		7	Organization of the Twenty-first Meeting
	3 p.m.	8	Other business
		9	Adoption of the report of the Twentieth Meeting