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**Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug
Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa**

Nairobi, 13-17 September 2010

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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. The Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, has in the past elected a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda for the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, is contained in the present document and was approved by the Nineteenth Meeting, held in Windhoek from 12 to 16 October 2009.

At its thirty-eighth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommended that general statements concerning national trends in illicit drug trafficking and statistics not be read out but rather be circulated in written form. Participants are hereby reminded of that recommendation and are therefore invited to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) by 2 August 2010 a two-page country report on trends in drug trafficking during the past year. Only reports 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 proposed programme of work for the session. A proposed programme of work is contained in the annex to the present document for the consideration of the Meeting.

Documentation

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

3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation in countering drug trafficking

The item will be introduced by UNODC, with an overview of current and evolving subregional law enforcement cooperation programmes involving Governments and UNODC and their impact on trends in drug trafficking.

Participants are invited to inform the Twentieth Meeting of the efforts of their Governments to strengthen regional and subregional cooperation in areas such as joint investigations, law enforcement training and the sharing of information on and experience in drug trafficking countermeasures.

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

This item will also provide the opportunity to present current trends, modus operandi and operational successes in response to cannabis, cocaine and heroin trafficking.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on statistics on drug trafficking trends in Africa and worldwide (UNODC/HONLAF/20/2)

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

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

Participants are invited to inform the Twentieth Meeting of action taken by their Governments in the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Eighteenth Meeting, held in Yamoussoukro from 8 to 12 September 2008.

The Meeting will have before it a note by the Secretariat based on replies to a questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments in implementing the recommendations.

To enable the Secretariat to prepare the report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Eighteenth Meeting, a note verbale was transmitted to all States members of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, on 6 July 2010, urging Governments to return the completed questionnaire by 6 August 2010.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Eighteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa (UNODC/HONLAF/20/3)

5. Consideration of topics by working groups

Ad hoc working groups will be established to review drug trafficking issues of regional importance and to facilitate informal discussions and the frank exchange of ideas on such matters with a view to enhancing cooperation among drug law enforcement agencies. Working groups are invited to present their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Twentieth Meeting for endorsement and inclusion in its report. The following topics will be considered by the working groups:

(a) Current illicit drug trends in Africa

The working group will consider the issue of the use of the territory of Africa as a key transit route for the smuggling of illicit narcotic drugs from the primary production areas of South-East and South-West Asia and Latin America to consumer markets in Europe and North America. In this regard, the working group will be invited to consider countermeasures to deprive international drug traffickers of the advantages afforded by Africa's many porous borders and weak port controls to land illegal drug consignments. The group will also be asked to review the strategies adopted by trafficking organizations, such as promoting an increasing domestic demand for illicit drugs in Africa, and related evidence. The working group will also consider trends in reported heroin seizures in Africa and the emerging evidence that while the volumes of heroin seizures may be small, the number of such seizures is

greater than the number of reported seizures of cocaine, which is more often intercepted in larger amounts. The working group will also consider the challenges faced by drug law enforcement and health authorities with regard to the pervasive development of illicit cannabis cultivation as well as the growing evidence of manufacture of amphetamine-type stimulants in Africa. In this regard, the working group will be asked to consider how drug abuse patterns are changing, as well as the responses taken and strategies developed by authorities. Participants in the working group will present trends observed and changes faced in tackling drug trafficking as observed in their domestic assessment and interaction with neighbouring States. The challenges encountered, new strategies introduced and new tactics employed by traffickers will form the basis of discussion of this topic.

(b) Developing effective responses to the investigation of drug trafficking and related crime offences

This working group will examine the challenges that national law enforcement agencies face in achieving preparedness in terms of capacity, procedures and the skills to investigate drug trafficking and related forms of organized crime. The role of pertinent governmental authorities in developing and providing for the necessary professional skills in close cooperation with other national counterparts so as to best utilize the public investment in law enforcement will also be discussed. Participants should come prepared to discuss how professional skills are developed and shared throughout the service. Challenges to undertaking investigations, such as in the areas of resources, manpower, the legislative framework, will also be the focus of discussion, including matters such as the current level of inter-agency cooperation in undertaking investigations as well as the current levels of sharing of information, pooling of agencies' resources and joint responses and how they could be improved. Participants are encouraged to come prepared to share illustrative examples or case studies.

(c) Drug trafficking and its corrupting influence on law enforcement

This working group will examine the adverse influence that those engaged in drug trafficking can exert on law enforcement and what steps might be introduced to counter attempts at corruption and perverting the course of justice. In the discussion, participants will consider the problems associated with corrupt practice within law enforcement agencies and how allowing that to continue compromises the effectiveness of law enforcement agencies. Participants will be asked to speak of the challenges that they and their colleagues have had to face in order to properly execute their official duty, and to share examples of good practice and procedures adopted in their own agencies to minimize the threat. The discussion will encourage the sharing of experience and the development of examples of best practice such as positive vetting procedures, mechanisms to review officer actions, rotation policies that break cycles of contact and influence. Participants are requested to bring to the discussion examples and case studies of how their services have responded to address and discourage corrupt professional practice.

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 on Narcotic Drugs 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 of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held on Isla Margarita, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, from 28 September to 2 October 2009, 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, Africa, could make to the Commission in that regard.

7. Organization of the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa

The Twentieth Meeting is invited to review the draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, including topics that it wishes working groups to discuss and possible venues for future meetings. For planning purposes, a decision at the Twentieth Meeting on the venue of the Twenty-first Meeting and on the topics for the working groups would greatly facilitate the preparation and organization of the Twenty-first Meeting. Participants are requested to come ready to propose and

discuss topics for the working groups of the Twenty-first Meeting. The Secretariat will provide, upon request, a copy of the standard letter of agreement setting out the responsibilities of the United Nations and the host Government.

The Twentieth Meeting is also invited to discuss any other matter related to the organization of its deliberations with a view to improving their substantive content and follow-up.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa (UNODC/HONLAF/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 with a view to making recommendations for consideration and action by the Commission at its fifty-fourth session (UNODC/HONLAF/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/HONLAF/20/5)

9. Adoption of the report of the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa

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

Proposed programme of work

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Monday, 13 September 2010	8:30 a.m.	Registration
	10 a.m.	Opening of the Twentieth Meeting
		Item 1. Election of officers
		Item 2. Adoption of the agenda
		Item 3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation in countering drug trafficking
Tuesday, 14 September 2010		Item 3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation in countering drug trafficking (<i>continued</i>)
	3 p.m.	Item 4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Eighteenth Meeting
	9 a.m.	Item 5. Working groups
Wednesday, 15 September 2010	2 p.m.	Item 5. Working groups (<i>continued</i>)
	9 a.m.	Item 5. Working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 16 September 2010	2 p.m.	Item 5. Working groups (<i>continued</i>)
	9 a.m.	Item 5. Working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 17 September 2010	2 p.m.	Item 5. Working groups (<i>continued</i>)
		Item 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
	10 a.m.	Item 7. Organization of the Twenty-first Meeting
		Item 8. Other business
	3 p.m.	Item 9. Adoption of the report