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**Twenty-second Meeting of Heads of National
Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa**

Accra, 25-29 June 2012

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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 Twenty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, contained in the present document, was approved by the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, held in Addis Ababa from 5 to 9 September 2011.

At its thirty-eighth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommended that general statements concerning national trends in 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 by 11 May 2012 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 Twenty-second Meeting is to establish a programme of work. 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/22/1)

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

Participants are invited to inform the Twenty-second Meeting about 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.

The item on the current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation in countering drug trafficking will provide an opportunity to examine current trends and the *modi operandi* of those involved in the trafficking of drugs, as well as operational successes in efforts to counter cannabis, cocaine and heroin trafficking.

A conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on the current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation (UNODC/HONLAF/22/CRP.1) will be made available to the Meeting.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on statistical analysis of drug trafficking trends in Africa and worldwide (UNODC/HONLAF/22/2)

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

Participants are invited to inform the Twenty-second Meeting of action taken by their Governments in the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, held in Nairobi from 13 to 17 September 2010.

The Twenty-second Meeting will have before it a note by the Secretariat based on replies to a questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments to implement the recommendations.

To enable the Secretariat to prepare the report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Twentieth Meeting, a note verbale was transmitted to the Governments of African States on 27 February 2012, urging them to return the completed questionnaire by 11 May 2012.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa (UNODC/HONLAF/22/3)

5. Consideration of topics by working groups

Ad hoc working groups are established to review issues of regional importance and to facilitate informal discussions and frank exchanges of views on such issues. Working groups are invited to present their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the plenary for endorsement and inclusion in the report on the Meeting.

(a) Effective responses to meeting the challenges of illicit cultivation of, and trafficking in, cannabis

The working group will look at current challenges faced by authorities in addressing illicit cannabis cultivation and trafficking. It will also look at where cannabis is grown, who the principal cultivators, traffickers and financial beneficiaries of cannabis cultivation and trafficking are, and where the destination markets are located. In addition, the group will discuss the financial implications of cannabis crops for rural communities and the alternatives available to such communities.

(b) Good practices and strategies in the treatment and rehabilitation of drug abusers

The working group will examine the experience of participants with regard to drug demand reduction programmes. Delegates will be asked to share their practices and procedures in the development of demand reduction strategies and the role their respective law enforcement agencies have played in contributing to their implementation and success. Participants may also wish to consider the support that

law enforcement agencies may lend to treatment programmes, such as those for abuse of cannabis and other drugs.

(c) Awareness-raising, training, building and enhancing the region's law enforcement capacity to successfully counter drug trafficking

The working group will look at current trends and developing threats confronting authorities in addressing drug trafficking, including the current state of preparedness and training of officers; operational challenges; inter-agency cooperation and coordination; land, sea and air border management; manufacture of amphetamine-type stimulants; and developments in drug trafficking. Participants will be expected to share case studies, examples and investigations relating to the previous 12 months.

The working group's round-table discussion will include a presentation on the training and law enforcement capacity-building initiatives undertaken by the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat. The Department will share information about its capacity-building programme for law enforcement; the strategies, planning and focus of its deployments and operations in support of law enforcement; the areas of its mission deployments, including its partners; its capacity-building programmes (areas of support, training initiatives, best practices and lessons learned); and other areas of technical assistance relating to law enforcement (such as the development of transnational organized crime units within the framework of the West Africa Coast Initiative).

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 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. The Plan of Action contains sections on demand reduction and related measures; on supply reduction and related measures; and on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation.

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 (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 Twenty-second 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, Africa, could make to the Commission in that regard.

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

The Twenty-second Meeting will review the draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-third 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 Twenty-second Meeting on the venue of the Twenty-third Meeting and on the topics for the working groups would greatly facilitate the preparation and organization of the Twenty-third Meeting. Participants are requested to be prepared to propose and discuss topics for the working groups of the Twenty-third 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 Twenty-second 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-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa (UNODC/HONLAF/22/4)

8. Other business

Under the item on other business, the Twenty-second Meeting may wish to address other important issues, such as urgent matters arising from the country reports.

9. Adoption of the report

The Twenty-second 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, 25 June 2012	8.30 a.m.	Registration
	10 a.m.	Opening of the Twenty-second 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
	3 p.m.	Item 3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation in countering drug trafficking (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 26 June 2012		Item 4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Twentieth Meeting
Tuesday, 26 June 2012	9 a.m.	Item 5. Working groups
	2 p.m.	Item 5. Working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 27 June 2012	9 a.m.	Item 5. Working groups (<i>continued</i>)
	2 p.m.	Item 5. Working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 28 June 2012	9 a.m.	Item 5. Working groups (<i>continued</i>)
	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
Friday, 29 June 2012	10 a.m.	Item 7. Organization of the Twenty-third Meeting
		Item 8. Other business
	3 p.m.	Item 9. Adoption of the report