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**Thirty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National
Drug Law Enforcement Agencies,
Asia and the Pacific**

Agra, India, 22-25 November 2011

Provisional agenda and annotations

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* English is the working language of the subsidiary body.



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, Asia and the Pacific, have in the past elected a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, was approved at the Thirty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 30 November to 3 December 2010.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Thirty-fifth 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/HONLAP/35/1)

3. Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its thirty-eighth session, recommended that general statements relating to national trends and statistics should not be read out but rather should be circulated in written form. Accordingly, Governments are invited to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, by 24 October 2011, a two-page report on the most recent trends in drug trafficking in their countries.

Participants are invited to inform the Thirty-fifth 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 experiences with drug trafficking countermeasures.

Participants are also invited to inform the Thirty-fifth Meeting of measures taken to counter drug trafficking at the national and regional levels.

A paper prepared by the Secretariat on regional and subregional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/35/CRP.1) will be made available to participants.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on statistical analysis of drug trafficking trends in East, South-East and South Asia, Oceania and worldwide (UNODC/HONLAP/35/2)

4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific

Participants are invited to inform the Thirty-fifth Meeting of action taken by their Governments to implement the recommendations adopted at the Thirty-third Meeting. For its consideration of this item, the Thirty-fifth Meeting will have before it a note prepared by the Secretariat based on the replies submitted by Governments on action taken to implement those recommendations.

To enable the Secretariat to prepare a report on the status of implementation of those recommendations, Governments are urged to return the completed questionnaire by 24 October 2011.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/35/3)

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 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 implementing effectively 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 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.

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, Asia and the Pacific, could make to the Commission in that regard.

6. Consideration of topics by working groups

Working groups will be established to review issues of regional importance in the area of drug control and to facilitate informal discussions and exchanges of views on those matters. Subjects that were identified by the Thirty-fourth Meeting are included under the three main working group topics. Speakers with relevant specialized knowledge will be invited to make introductory presentations on these subjects to inform the working groups and facilitate discussion. In preparing for this Meeting, delegates are invited to prepare material on the topics listed below.

(a) Precursor chemicals: developing partnerships with industry and meeting the challenge of substitute chemicals

Discussion in the working group will focus on improving controls over precursor chemicals, including strategies and initiatives that engage or foster collaborative partnerships with the chemical industry. Such partnerships are particularly important in the light of a growing trend towards the diversion of non-controlled chemicals. Participants will be asked to share examples of engagement with their respective chemical industries, as well as responses to and details of initiatives that developed as a result of such engagement. Reference may be made to international or industry guidelines to support those partnerships, such as the *Guidelines for a Voluntary Code of Practice for the Chemical Industry*, published by the International Narcotics Control Board. The working group may also wish to examine the challenges and dangers associated with the identification and safe dismantling of clandestine laboratories for amphetamine-type stimulants. Case studies referencing recent investigations and examples from national guidelines will add depth to the discussion. Delegates are invited to come prepared to offer observations and recommendations that will support the efforts of the relevant agencies of the region to act more effectively in precursor control.

(b) The response of Asia and the Pacific to increased heroin manufacture

Illicit opium production in Afghanistan is contributing to heroin availability in Asia and the Pacific. There are indications that increasing illicit opium poppy production in some areas could lead to further availability of heroin. The working group will examine current heroin trafficking trends and the groups of traffickers responsible for those trends. Previous meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific, have looked at the impact of West African heroin trafficking groups operating in the region; and an update on those operations would be a valuable contribution. Sharing information on the activities of other drug trafficking groups would contribute to the knowledge of the group. Participants should come prepared to share their experiences in the investigation and suppression of heroin trafficking, offering examples of operations that have been undertaken and contacts and cooperation that have been established. Attention should be given to sharing conclusions and recommendations that will support efforts in Asia and the Pacific to combat heroin trafficking.

(c) Meeting the challenge of effective border control

This working group will examine current challenges to effective border control faced by drug law enforcement authorities operating at airports, seaports and all other entry and exit points. Increasing volumes of trade and passenger movement have given rise to new trends in the types of drug available in the region, a case in point being increasing seizures of cocaine. Delegates should come prepared to describe the changes in drug trafficking trends at their borders, including changes in modus operandi, drug types, the nationalities involved and the routes used, and to provide information on response strategies and procedures that are effective in detecting smugglers and the challenges faced by law enforcement agencies in that regard. Consideration should be given to the importance of the timely exchange of information between authorities (both domestic and international), the efficacy of existing mechanisms in terms of communication, and practical suggestions on how these may be improved. How is the move towards a more integrated border management approach, which is often driven by commercial needs, affecting law enforcement operations? Is there coordination and cooperation among all the relevant authorities and agencies involved in border security and trade facilitation? Participants will be asked to provide examples of their experiences with a view to developing proposals and recommendations that will support coordination and the effectiveness of efforts in the region to secure borders against drug trafficking.

7. Organization of the Thirty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific

The Thirty-fifth Meeting is to consider a draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, including topics for discussion in working groups. For planning purposes, a decision at the Thirty-fifth Meeting on the venue of the Thirty-sixth Meeting and on the topics for the working groups would greatly facilitate the preparation and organization of the Thirty-sixth Meeting. The Secretariat will provide a copy of the standard letter of agreement to any Member State wishing to consider acting as host to the Thirty-sixth Meeting.

A paper prepared by the Secretariat on the standard letter of agreement and conference requirements for hosting a meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/35/CRP.2) will be made available to participants.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the Thirty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/35/4)

8. Other business

Under the item entitled “Other business”, the Thirty-fifth Meeting may wish to address any other important issues, such as urgent matters reflected in country reports.

9. Adoption of the report of the Thirty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific

The Thirty-fifth Meeting will adopt its report, including the findings and recommendations of the working groups.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Tuesday, 22 November	8.30 a.m.	Registration
	10 a.m.	Opening
	1	Election of officers
	2	Adoption of the agenda
	3	Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures
	2 p.m. 4	Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific
Wednesday, 23 November		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
	9 a.m. 6	Consideration of topics by working groups
	1.30 p.m. 6	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 24 November	9 a.m. 6	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
	1.30 p.m. 6	Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 25 November	10 a.m. 7	Organization of the Thirty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific
	8	Other business
	1.30 p.m. 9	Adoption of the report of the Thirty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific