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

Bangkok, 30 October-2 November 2012

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* English is the working language of the subsidiary body.



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

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-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, was approved at the Thirty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Agra, India, from 22 to 25 November 2011.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Thirty-sixth 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/36/1)

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 were invited to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, by 7 September 2012, a two-page report on the most recent trends in drug trafficking in their countries.

Participants are invited to inform the Thirty-sixth Meeting of the action taken by their Governments to enhance regional and subregional cooperation in areas such as joint investigations, law enforcement training and sharing of information and experiences in drug trafficking countermeasures.

Participants are also invited to inform the Thirty-sixth 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/36/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/36/2)

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

Participants are invited to inform the Thirty-sixth Meeting of action taken by their Governments to implement the recommendations adopted at the Thirty-fourth Meeting. For its consideration of this item, the Thirty-sixth 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 were urged to return the completed questionnaire by 7 September 2012.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/36/3)

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 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 the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation.

At the Thirty-sixth 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, 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 identified by the Thirty-fifth Meeting have been 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 the Meeting, delegates are invited to prepare material on the topics listed below.

(a) Precursor chemicals, including the identification of new smuggling routes and of trafficking groups involved in the diversion of precursors and their *modi operandi*

The working group will examine current challenges faced by the region in combating the diversion of and trafficking in precursor chemicals, including new challenges posed by substitute precursor chemicals and essential substances not under international control in Tables I and II of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988. It will also examine domestic and regional trends in trafficking in and abuse of pharmaceutical medicines, including diversion modalities. As ketamine trafficking and abuse represent a serious challenge in the region, that issue is expected to be covered in the discussion. Participants may wish to comment on the current role played by Internet pharmacies in supporting illicit drug manufacture, the strategies adopted by heads of national drug law enforcement agencies in the region to combat those threats and how the newly introduced countermeasures have worked, as well as the challenges in preventing the diversion of precursor chemicals and pharmaceutical preparations. Participants will be asked to share their most recent observations on current *modi operandi*, the smuggling routes used and the trafficking groups involved in these illegal activities.

(b) Production of amphetamine-type stimulants, in particular the detection and dismantling of “mega-labs”, the challenge of illicit manufacturing in kitchen laboratories, control of Internet pharmacies and the emergence of new designer drugs that are not under international control

The working group will look at current trends with regard to amphetamine-type stimulants in the region and specifically at the increase in the number of sophisticated clandestine laboratories being uncovered by law enforcement authorities. Participants will be asked to share their experiences in the investigation and dismantling of such sites, which may range from the dismantling of “mega-labs” to the dismantling of kitchen laboratories. Participants will also examine the types of products being illicitly manufactured in those laboratories and the illegally obtained substances used for the manufacture of amphetamine-type stimulants. The working group will examine the factors enabling authorities to identify such operations and other steps that can be taken to combat such illicit manufacture.

(c) Undertaking cross-border investigations: the challenges of multi-jurisdictional investigations, case studies of significant operations and lessons learned

The working group will examine the issues and challenges confronting authorities undertaking cross-border investigations and cases involving drug and precursor trafficking, either after a successful interception or before or during a controlled delivery operation. It will also look at domestic inter-agency cooperation and national initiatives to focus the legislative and operational resources available to law enforcement agencies on combating drug trafficking. Participants will be expected to share case studies of significant operations and lessons learned.

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

The Thirty-sixth Meeting is to consider a draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, including topics for discussion in working groups. A decision at the Thirty-sixth Meeting on the venue of the Thirty-seventh Meeting and on the topics for the working groups would greatly facilitate the preparation and organization of the Thirty-seventh 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/36/CRP.2), will be made available to participants.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the Thirty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/36/4)

8. Other business

Under the item entitled “Other business”, the Thirty-sixth 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 Thirty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific

The Thirty-sixth 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, 30 October	8.30 a.m.		Registration
	10 a.m.		Opening
		1	Election of officers
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
		3	Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures
	2 p.m.	4	Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
		5	Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation toward an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem.
Wednesday, 31 October	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, 1 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, 2 November	10 a.m.	7	Organization of the Thirty-seventh Meeting
		8	Other business
	1.30 p.m.	9	Adoption of the report of the Thirty-sixth Meeting