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**Twenty-second Meeting of Heads of
National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies,
Latin America and the Caribbean**
Antigua, Guatemala, 1-5 October 2012

Provisional agenda and annotations

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* English, French and Spanish are the working languages 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, 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 drug trafficking should not be read out during meetings but rather circulated in written form. Bearing that recommendation in mind, Governments were invited to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), by 6 August 2012, a two-page report on the most recent trends in 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 Twenty-second Meeting is to establish a timetable for the Meeting. 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/22/1)

3. Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures

The item will be introduced by a representative of UNODC, who will provide an overview of current drug trafficking trends.

Participants are invited to inform the Twenty-second 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 requested to inform the Meeting of action taken to counter drug trafficking and practical problems impeding cooperation at the regional and subregional levels, as well as measures to overcome such problems.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on statistics on drug trafficking trends in the Americas and worldwide (UNODC/HONLAC/22/2)

Note by the Secretariat on the current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation (UNODC/HONLAC/22/CRP.1)

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

Participants are invited to inform the Twenty-second Meeting of action taken by their Governments to implement the recommendations adopted at the Twenty-first Meeting, held in Santiago from 3 to 7 October 2011. For its consideration of the item, the Twenty-second Meeting will have before it a note by the Secretariat based on the replies submitted by Governments to a questionnaire 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 6 August 2012.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the review of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean (UNODC/HONLAC/22/3)

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 Twenty-second Meeting.

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

(a) Responding to the challenges posed to the region by the production and trafficking of cocaine, cannabis and heroin

The working group will consider current trends across the region in the production of and trafficking in cocaine, cannabis and heroin. The participants will address the following issues: how current interdiction, eradication and dismantling strategies are working and where collective coordination and support among law enforcement agencies can be improved; who the current figures involved in the trafficking and distribution of these plant-based drugs are; what impact trafficking is having on security and on communities; and what information on changes and trends observed in drug production and trafficking can be shared to support the region's effective response. Participants will be encouraged to share examples of recent operations against traffickers, including interceptions of consignments of cocaine, cannabis and heroin.

(b) Joint agency task forces in response to drug trafficking

The working group will explore the experiences, the impact and the lessons learned from the formation of domestic and international inter-agency task forces and work units in response to drug trafficking and cross-border crime. Delegates will be asked

to share their national experiences of developing domestic and international coordination and of identifying which agencies should work together, and to share the results. Participants will be encouraged to share the challenges faced in operationalizing inter-agency units and how such challenges have been handled. Examples drawn from teams established to respond at international air, land and sea borders should be shared, as well as experiences of inter-agency units regarding the domestic and cross-border investigation of serious trafficking offences and the tracking of the proceeds of crime.

(c) Maintaining control over precursor chemicals and pharmaceutical preparations

The working group will explore the 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 the growing domestic and regional trends in the trafficking and abuse of pharmaceutical preparations and the modalities of the diversion of such preparations. Participants will consider what strategies have been adopted by member States of the region, how newly introduced countermeasures have worked and what challenges are faced in preventing the diversion of precursor chemicals and pharmaceutical preparations to the illicit manufacture and abuse of drugs.

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 measures necessary to fully implement the actions set out therein, with a view to attaining in a timely manner their goals and targets.

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.

In its resolution 65/233, 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.

In the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, Member States decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, should conduct a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Declaration and Plan of Action. The round-table discussions at the fifty-sixth session, in 2013, will be linked to the preparations for that review and will focus on the following topics:

- (a) Demand reduction and related measures;

(b) Supply reduction and related measures;

(c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance 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, 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.

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

The Twenty-second Meeting is to consider a draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-third 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 Twenty-second Meeting on the venue of the Twenty-third Meeting and the topics for the working groups would greatly facilitate the preparation and organization of the Twenty-third Meeting. The Secretariat will provide, upon request, a copy of the standard letter of agreement setting out the contributions of the United Nations and of the host Government.

Documentation

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

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

Provisional timetable

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