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**Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and  
Related Matters in the Near and Middle East**

**Forty-sixth session**

Vienna, 19-22 December 2011

**Provisional agenda and annotations**

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\* Arabic, English and Russian are the working languages of the subsidiary body.



## **Annotations**

### **1. Election of officers**

Elections are held in accordance with the practice set forth in rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. Past custom has been for the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East to elect a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

The draft provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session was approved by the Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session. Following the adoption of the agenda, the Subcommittee will establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work for its forty-sixth session. A proposed organization of work for the consideration of the Subcommittee is shown in the annex to the present document.

#### **Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations (UNODC/SUBCOM/46/1)

### **3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation**

Participants will be invited to inform the Subcommittee of the efforts of their respective countries as regards regional and subregional cooperation in areas such as joint investigations, law enforcement training and sharing of information and experiences in taking measures to counter drug trafficking. Participants are requested in particular to indicate any practical problems impeding subregional cooperation and measures to overcome those problems.

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 made orally during meetings but rather should be circulated in written form. In particular, the Commission recommended that the meeting should be informed of new and important trends with regard to cooperation and new developments that drug law enforcement agencies of the region needed to be made aware of. Governments are expected to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime by 31 August 2011 a two-page report on recent trends in drug trafficking in their respective countries during the past year. Country reports received by that date will be translated into the other working languages of the subsidiary body.

A conference room paper on the current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation (UNODC/SUBCOM/46/CRP.1) will be made available to the Subcommittee.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on statistics on drug trafficking trends in the Near and Middle East, in South, West and Central Asia and worldwide (UNODC/SUBCOM/46/2)

#### **4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session**

Participants are expected to inform the Subcommittee of action taken by their respective Governments in the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session, held in Vienna from 16 to 19 November 2009. The Subcommittee will have before it a note by the Secretariat prepared on the basis of replies received to a questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments.

##### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the review of implementation by States of the region of the recommendations adopted by the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East at its forty-fourth session (UNODC/SUBCOM/46/3)

#### **5. Consideration of topics by working groups**

Ad hoc working groups will be established in order to review issues of regional importance and to facilitate informal discussions and frank exchanges of views on specific matters. The working groups will be invited to present their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Subcommittee for endorsement and inclusion in its report on the forty-sixth session. Each working group will be invited to take into consideration the following in the formulation of its recommendations:

(a) Identification of specific operational and other problems facing drug law enforcement in the region;

(b) Discussion of specific countermeasures to combat particular regional patterns of drug trafficking that could or should be implemented at the national, subregional or intraregional levels;

(c) Enhancement of regional cooperation by identifying potential partners in specific problem areas of drug control;

(d) Presentation of specific, relevant findings and recommendations to the Subcommittee.

##### **(a) Ongoing impact of illicit drug production in Afghanistan**

The working group on the ongoing impact of illicit drug production in Afghanistan will examine the current situation with regard to the smuggling of opiates (opium, morphine and heroin) and cannabis through the States members of the Subcommittee. Participants will be expected to assess the impact of illicit production of opiates and cannabis resin in Afghanistan on drug consumption in the region. Participants will be asked to share their operational experiences with respect to the investigation of drug trafficking cases, including the interception of illicit consignments, and the prosecution of those involved and to share information about the groups and nationalities identified as being responsible for such activities. Participants will also consider trends in the smuggling of precursor chemicals used in the illicit production and manufacture of opiates and cannabis resin, the responses they have initiated to counteract such smuggling activities and the impact of those responses on the illicit production of opiates and cannabis;

**(b) Illicit manufacture of and trafficking in amphetamine-type stimulants in the region**

The working group on illicit manufacture of and trafficking in amphetamine-type stimulants in the region will examine the current situation with regard to the smuggling of amphetamine-type stimulants through the States members of the Subcommission. Participants will be asked to share their operational experiences in the investigation of cases involving trafficking in amphetamine-type stimulants, including the interception of illicit consignments, and the prosecution of those involved, as well as information about the groups and nationalities identified as being responsible for such activities. Experts will also share their experiences with respect to dismantling clandestine laboratories illicitly manufacturing amphetamine-type stimulants such as Captagon and comment upon their current capacities and expertise available to undertake such operations or to support counterparts in that specialized area;

**(c) Supporting models of drug demand reduction**

The working group on supporting models of drug demand reduction will examine experiences with regard to supporting drug demand programmes. Participants will be asked to share their experiences in the development of demand reduction strategies and the role their agencies have played in the implementation and success of such strategies.

**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) 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 reaffirmed the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (see 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).

In its resolutions 64/182 and 65/233, the General Assembly encouraged the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and the Subcommission to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation.

Under agenda item 6, 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 Subcommission could make to the Commission in that regard.

**7. Organization of the forty-seventh session of the Subcommission**

The Subcommission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-seventh session, including topics for discussion in working groups, and may wish to consider the venue for its forty-seventh session and future sessions. For planning purposes, a decision by the Subcommission at its forty-sixth session on the venue for its forty-seventh session and on topics for discussion in working groups would greatly facilitate the organization of its forty-seventh session. The Secretariat will provide, on request and for the information of the Subcommission, a copy of the standard letter of agreement for the hosting of a session of the Subcommission in which the respective contributions of the United Nations and of the host Government are set out.

The Subcommission may also wish to discuss any other matter related to the organization of its deliberations, with a view to improving their substantive content and the follow-up thereto.

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Subcommission (UNODC/SUBCOM/46/4)

**8. Other business**

The Subcommission may wish to address other important issues, such as urgent matters mentioned in the country reports.

**9. Adoption of the report of the Subcommission on its forty-sixth session**

The Subcommission will adopt the report on its forty-sixth session, including the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the working groups.

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
<b>Monday, 19 December</b>		
8.30 a.m.		Registration
10 a.m.		Opening of the session
	1	Election of officers
	2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	3	Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation
3 p.m.	3	Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation ( <i>continued</i> )
	4	Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session
<b>Tuesday, 20 December</b>		
9 a.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups
2 p.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 21 December</b>		
9 a.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
2 p.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 22 December</b>		
10 a.m.	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
	7	Organization of the forty-seventh session of the Subcommittee
	8	Other business
3 p.m.	9	Adoption of the report of the Subcommittee on its forty-sixth session