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## **Eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe**

Vienna, 16-19 June 2009

Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

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\* UNODC/HONEURO/8/1.



## **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. Past practice has been for the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Europe, to elect a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

The draft provisional agenda for the Eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, was approved at the Seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, held in Vienna from 19 to 22 June 2007.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Eighth 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/HONEURO/8/1)

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

Participants are invited to inform the Eighth Meeting of their States' efforts with respect to regional and subregional cooperation in areas such as joint investigations, law enforcement training and the sharing of information and experience in drug trafficking countermeasures.

Participants are requested to inform the Eighth Meeting of any practical problems impeding subregional cooperation and to suggest measures to overcome them.

At its thirty-eighth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommended that general statements concerning national trends and statistics should not be read out but should be circulated in written form. Participants are invited to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, prior to the holding of the Eighth Meeting, a two-page country report on trends in drug trafficking since the holding of the Seventh Meeting. Only those country reports received by the date indicated in the invitation to the Eighth Meeting will be translated into the working languages of the Meeting.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on statistical analysis of drug trafficking trends in Europe and worldwide (UNODC/HONEURO/8/2)

Note by the Secretariat on cooperation in South-Eastern Europe and Eastern Europe (UNODC/HONEURO/8/CRP.1)

#### **4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe**

Participants are invited to inform the Eighth Meeting of action taken by their Governments to implement the recommendations adopted at the Seventh Meeting. The Eighth Meeting will have before it a note by the Secretariat based on replies received to a questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments.

##### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the review of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, by States of the region (UNODC/HONEURO/8/3)

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

Ad hoc working groups will be established for the purpose of reviewing issues of regional importance and facilitating informal discussions and frank exchanges of views on those issues. Working groups will be invited to present their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the plenary for endorsement and inclusion in the report of the Eighth Meeting. Each working group is invited to take into consideration the following guidelines in the formulation of its recommendations:

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

(b) Propose measures to counter particular regional patterns related to drug trafficking that could or should be implemented at the national, subregional or regional level;

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

(d) Present specific and relevant findings and recommendations to the plenary.

Topics suggested for consideration by the working groups are given below.

##### *The influence of the Internet and other electronic media on drug trafficking*

Groups engaged in drug trafficking and other criminal activities are increasingly using modern and sophisticated communication technologies to facilitate the commission of illegal activities. The widespread use of mobile telephones, advanced technologies such as encrypted e-mail, Voice-over-Internet-Protocol transmissions and public Internet sites present new challenges to law enforcement agencies investigating and searching for evidence to successfully dismantle illegal operations. The need to gather evidence from recovered technological equipment (i.e. computers and mobile telephones), as well as from Internet providers located in foreign jurisdictions, is highlighting new areas requiring law enforcement expertise and cooperation. Participants should come to the workshop prepared to speak about their experiences in investigating trafficking offences committed through the use of modern communication technologies, the challenges they have faced and the responses and strategies they have adopted.

*Information: the key to dismantling trafficking groups*

There is a need for greater knowledge about how drug trafficking supports other forms of serious organized crime. Access to information about those engaged in drug trafficking and other forms of organized crime is essential to the successful investigation, prosecution and dismantling of syndicates.

Many authorities have adopted an intelligence-led approach to assist them in establishing links between groups and individuals who traffic in illicit drugs and who apply those trafficking skills to other forms of organized crime. Participants in the working group on this topic may wish to consider elements such as the proper structuring of programmes that include the use of informants, the use of undercover law enforcement officers, the collection of electronic evidence and the collation of available information. Participants will be asked to share their strategies and approaches to information gathering, development and sharing, in addition to indicating how such approaches can be used to improve operational responses.

*Drug trafficking in Europe: trends, strategies and effective responses*

As authorities in countries throughout Europe enhance their responses to drug trafficking, so too traffickers change their strategies, modus operandi and operations. For example, new cocaine trafficking routes have opened up through West Africa, and syndicates involved in smuggling heroin into Europe continue to adopt new methods and to adapt to the countermeasures encountered along trafficking routes. The trafficking in amphetamine-type stimulants also produces new challenges for authorities involved in preventing the manufacture and supply of such stimulants, including through the effective control of precursor chemicals of those stimulants. In addition, the way in which cannabis is being produced in Europe is changing, both in character and significance. Participants in this working group will look at the broad range of threats posed to Europe by different types of drugs and the law enforcement challenges they represent. Participants should be prepared to present information on the greatest problems they have faced, new routes or trafficking trends (e.g. routes for drug trafficking by sea leading from Africa or across the Black Sea), steps that they have been taken to address such problems and what more could be done collectively and in partnerships involving both States in Europe and involving States in Europe and other regions, in order to make operations more effective. It would be appropriate for participants to present for discussion illustrative trends, effective strategies and countermeasures through analyses and case studies.

**6. Organization of the Ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe**

The Eighth Meeting is invited to review a draft provisional agenda for the Ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, including the topics to be discussed in working groups.

The 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 Ninth meeting of HONLEA, Europe (UNODC/HONEURO/8/4)

**7. Other business**

Under item 7 of its agenda, the Eighth Meeting may wish to address any other important issue, such as urgent matters reflected in the country reports.

**8. Adoption of the report of the Eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe**

The Eighth Meeting will adopt its report, including the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the working groups, on the afternoon of Friday, 19 June 2009.

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Tuesday, 16 June</b>		
8-10 a.m.		Registration
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Opening
	1	Election of officers
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation
3-6 p.m.	3	Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation ( <i>continued</i> )
	4	Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Seventh Meeting
<b>Wednesday, 17 June</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups
3-6 p.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 18 June</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
3-6 p.m.	5	Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Friday, 19 June</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6	Provisional agenda for the Ninth Meeting
	7	Other business
	8	Adoption of the report of the Eighth Meeting (including reports of working groups)
3 p.m.	8	Adoption of the report of the Eighth Meeting ( <i>continued</i> )