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

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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 Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.



2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, was approved at the Thirty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 10 to 13 February 2009.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Thirty-third 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/33/1)

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 31 August 2009, a two-page report on the most recent trends in drug trafficking in their countries.

Participants are invited to inform the Thirty-third 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 experience in drug trafficking countermeasures.

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

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on statistical analysis of drug trafficking trends in East, South-East and South Asia and Oceania and worldwide (UNODC/HONLAP/33/2)

Note by the Secretariat on regional and subregional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/33/CRP.1)

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

Participants are invited to inform the Thirty-third Meeting of action taken by their Governments to implement the recommendations adopted at the Thirty-first Meeting. For its consideration of this item, the Thirty-third 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 31 August 2009.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the review of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Thirty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/33/3)

5. 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. The working groups will be invited to present their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the plenary meeting for endorsement and inclusion in the report of the Thirty-third Meeting. The following topics are suggested for consideration by the working groups:

(a) Illicit drug trafficking: emerging trends across the region

Participants should be prepared to discuss current and emerging trends in combating drug trafficking. Heroin trafficking remains a concern throughout the region, particularly because the changing sources, routes and *modi operandi* employed by traffickers make interdiction difficult. Participants may wish to consider the influence of West African trafficking syndicates operating in the region and their role in the supply of heroin. At the Thirty-second Meeting, participants reported an increase in cocaine trafficking as evidenced by seizures and the related investigations. The region's market, sources and trafficking routes and patterns for cannabis, together with the organized crime associated with the production of cannabis, are an issue for consideration. Case studies and data on cocaine seizures could offer examples of common problems facing the region's law enforcement community. Consideration should be given to the use being made of enforcement tools, such as controlled delivery, in the dismantling of trafficking syndicates and to suggestions for improving regional coordination in these matters.

(b) Measures to counter the manufacture of amphetamine-type stimulants in the region

Participants should be prepared to discuss the challenges they face with regard to the manufacture of amphetamine-type stimulants. Information could be shared about the location of manufacturing sites, the groups or individuals behind the main trafficking operations and the countermeasures in place to address trafficking in amphetamine-type stimulants. Participants should be prepared to share case studies and information on their countries' precursor control measures, investigations that have been completed or are under way and areas where assistance or cooperation with national or cross-border counterpart agencies would enable more effective disruption and prevention of the manufacture of amphetamine-type stimulants.

(c) Removing the profit from drug trafficking

Discussion could focus on the broader issues associated with drug trafficking, such as other forms of organized crime, the laundering of the proceeds of crime, the funding of terrorism and the corrosive influence of corruption. Participants should be prepared to discuss measures taken by their Governments to address money-laundering through both formal and informal banking structures. Issues to be

discussed could include the level of preparation of investigators to undertake financial investigations, the professional skills that such investigators have or need, States having legislation in place to recover the assets of illicit activities and the emphasis placed on forming joint investigation teams or task forces focused on drug trafficking and similar forms of organized crime. Illustrative examples and case studies would greatly assist participants in identifying the effective countermeasures introduced and the obstacles yet to be overcome.

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

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

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the Thirty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/33/4)

7. Other business

Under this item, the Thirty-third Meeting may wish to address any other important issues, such as urgent matters reflected in the country reports.

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

The Thirty-third 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, 6 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	
	1.30 p.m.	4 Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-first Meeting
Wednesday, 7 October	9 a.m.	5 Consideration of topics by working groups
	1.30 p.m.	5 Consideration of topics by working groups (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 8 October	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>)
Friday, 9 October	10 a.m.	6 Organization of the Thirty-fourth Meeting
		7 Other business
	1.30 p.m.	8 Adoption of the report of the Thirty-third Meeting