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Report of the Conference

The Sixth International Conference of Drug Liaison Officers was held in Mashad, I. R. of Iran from 5 to 7 February 2005. The Conference was jointly organized by the Drug Control Headquarters (DCHQ) of the I. R. Iran, Anti Narcotics Police Center of the I. R. Iran and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Iran. The Conference was attended by delegates and drug liaison officers from Islamic State of Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Peoples' Republic of China, France, Germany, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Norway, Poland, Qatar, South Africa, Republic of Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom. Also in attendance were representatives from UNODC Iran and Uzbekistan, UNHCR Iran, Iranian Interpol and the Secretariat of Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO). The list of participants is attached as Annex II.

The Conference was inaugurated by Brigadier General Ahmad Reza Radan the Commander-in-Chief of the Police of the Khorassan Province. He referred to the issue of rise in poppy cultivation in Afghanistan and new illicit drug trafficking trends in the Province.

At the opening session, Mr. Roberto Arbitrio, UNODC Iran Representative, stressed on the need for the international cooperation as an essential element in region



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for the fight against drug trafficking as well as promotion of joint global actions to have the impact on drug control.

Brigadier General Mehdi Abuie, Head of Anti Narcotic Center of Iranian Police in his address to the conference stressed the need for enhancement of present global cooperation for drug control. The drug control was highlighted as an issue that should be tackled independently from political considerations.

The participants elected Brigadier General Hamid Maleki as the Chairman and Colonel Masoud Rezvani as the Secretary to the Conference. The Agenda was adopted and is attached to this Report (Annex I).

On 7th February, the participants will visit the joint border areas of Afghanistan-Iran. The visit will cover meeting with Iranian border guards, physical barriers and elaboration of geographical situation of the area.



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Recommendations:

1. Based on the recommendations put forth in previous conferences and with respect to the effective role of direct exchange of drug intelligence, the conference emphasizes the necessity for further developing direct exchange of intelligence between anti-narcotics police forces of regional countries and the Drug Liaison Officers.
2. The conference stressed serious concern over the continuation of wide-scale poppy and cannabis cultivation and trafficking of narcotic drugs from Afghanistan. The delegates emphasized on further upgrading of the Afghan Police Force, Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan (CNPA), Afghan Border Police and the Customs through international support.
3. The conference voiced concern over continuation of the smuggling of Acetic Anhydride (AA) into Afghanistan from various international sources.
4. Monthly exchange of address, phone-fax numbers and e-mails between DLOs and drug control officials of regional and other relevant countries is emphasized.
5. UNODC presented its strategy for I.R. of Iran 2005-2007. The strategy is the result of a close consultation with relevant Iranian national counterparts and the Mini Dublin Group. The UK delegation, as chair of the Mini Dublin Group in Iran, emphasized the fact that the UNODC strategy for Iran reflected a shared view of both Iranian authorities and the international community.



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6. Participants to the Conference agreed that the strategy elaborated by Iran, the Mini Dublin Group and UNODC should be considered as a reference for both multi-lateral and bi-lateral assistance to Iran as envisaged in the Paris Pact recommendations .
7. The conference recommends UNODC Iran to make the necessary coordination and send a report on the recommendations of this conference to relevant international organizations.
8. The regional DLOs expressed the necessity and importance of adopting a proper mechanism for timely exchange of intelligence and information with direct twenty four hour access to the law enforcement agencies.
9. It was acknowledged that intelligence exchange relating to the seizures, routing and use of essential precursors in the region declined in recent years. A commitment to improve this situation was agreed.
10. The conference acknowledged the efforts made by the DCCU under UNODC auspices and EU assistance in coordinating drug related activities in the ECO region.
11. UNODC Iran was requested to invite an expert on precursors control to the next DLO conference.



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Annex I

Agenda

1. Election of Chairman and adoption of the Agenda;
2. Review of the situation with respect to Drug cultivation, production and stockpiling in Afghanistan. Status of the Eradication Campaign;
3. Overview of Drug Trafficking in the Region: Routes and Methods;
4. Trafficking in Precursors: Regional Trends and Patterns;
5. Adoption of the final report and recommendations;
6. Intelligence Sharing and the Role of the DLOs/FANC in the Region. Needs for Proper Mechanism and Methodology;
7. Regional and International Cooperation in Drug Control;
8. Wrap-up and adoption of final report and recommendation;



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