**Implementation of the recommendations**

**adopted by the Twenty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National   
Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Hurghada   
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**QUESTIONNAIRE**

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* **Summarize** **action taken** on the implementation of each recommendation in no more than   
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* If applicable, provide information on the **main obstacles to the implementation** of a recommendation.

**Issue I**

**Effective measures to counter money-laundering and illicit financial flows**

**Recommendation 1**

Governments are encouraged to make use of existing law enforcement mechanisms, both formal and informal, to enhance regional and international cooperation and of information exchange between law enforcement authorities and financial investigation units at the national and international levels.

**Any action taken?**

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**Recommendation 2**

Governments are encouraged to streamline cooperation and coordination at the national level through, for example, the establishment of national multi-agency mechanisms or task forces.

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Recommendation 3

Governments are encouraged to consider establishing specialized units, if necessary, to address emerging threats, such as use of the darknet and virtual currencies for drug-related   
money-laundering, and to cooperate closely with the private sector in this regard.

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Recommendation 4

Governments are encouraged to streamline criminal investigations by using both the “from money to crime” and “from crime to money” approaches.

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Recommendation 5

Governments are encouraged to improve their strategic and criminal analysis capacities, including criminal typology research;

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Recommendation 6

Governments are to compile the financial profiles of the most significant threat actors to increase their financial disruption capacity.

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**Issue II**

**Enhancing coordination of the regional communication platforms that support drug law enforcement across Africa**

**Recommendation 7**

Governments are encouraged to develop policies to promote and further strengthen inter-agency cooperation and to establish a single national focal point to deal with information exchange and direct requests to the relevant authorities in an effective manner.

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**Recommendation 8**

Governments should encourage their law enforcement agencies to make better use of existing communication platforms, regional mechanism and initiatives developed by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the World Customs Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), as well as regional cooperation organizations.

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**Recommendation 9**

Governments are encouraged to further develop the capacity of their relevant agencies to enable backtracking investigations following significant seizures and participation in joint investigations to dismantle drug trafficking networks.

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**Recommendation 10**

Governments are encouraged to continue their engagement in the Airport Communication Project, the Global Container Control Programme, the CRIMJUST project, the “networking the networks” initiative and other programmes and projects of UNODC, the World Customs Organization and INTERPOL that focus on an intelligence-led approach and cross-border cooperation to address international drug trafficking and transnational organized crime.

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**Recommendation 11**

Synergies should be created between the public and private sectors   
(e.g. banking systems, mobile telecommunication providers, immigration services, non-banking financial sector, logistics companies).

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**Recommendation 12**

Legal frameworks established to deal with drug trafficking and transnational organized crime that contain provisions on information exchange, controlled deliveries and other law enforcement mechanisms should be harmonized among countries to enable further international cooperation in line with existing international legal frameworks.

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**Recommendation 13**

Governments should make maximum use of existing regional structures and mechanisms, informal networks and border liaison and foreign liaison officers.

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**Issue III**

**Trafficking in new psychoactive substances, including khat, benzodiazepines and tramadol, and law enforcement responses**

**Recommendation 14**

Governments are encouraged to review and revise relevant national legislation as new substances of abuse continue to emerge and exert a negative impact on public health.

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**Recommendation 15**

Governments, in particular their law enforcement and health agencies, are encouraged to strengthen the coordination of national authorities at the regional level, including to enhance information-sharing.

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**Recommendation 16**

Governments are encouraged to improve the capacity of their front-line officers and forensic laboratories to better identify new psychoactive substances;

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**Recommendation 17**

Governments are encouraged to make use of existing regional and international instruments, tools, mechanisms and available information to address the challenges posed by synthetic and plant-based drugs and the diversion of precursors.

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**Issue IV**

**Addressing the specific needs of women and girls in the context of the world drug problem**

**Recommendation 18**

Governments are encouraged to gather sex- and age-disaggregated data in community and prison settings in order to better assess the specific needs of women and girls with regard to the drug problem, and to facilitate the development of balanced, evidence-based and cost-effective policies, programmes and interventions in the context of drug supply reduction, drug demand reduction and HIV/AIDS interventions.

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Recommendation 19

Governments should develop and implement policies on drug demand reduction and HIV/AIDS that are informed by strategic information, tailored to the specific needs of women who use drugs.

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**Recommendation 20**

Governments are encouraged to ensure proportional sentencing and to develop and implement gender-responsive alternatives to imprisonment, in particular for women who commit minor drug-related offences or women with parental or other caretaking responsibilities, in line with international instruments, such as the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules).

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**Recommendation 21**

Governments are encouraged to develop coordination mechanisms that foster collaboration among all relevant stakeholders, including government entities, civil society organizations and women who use drugs in order to ensure a balanced, integrated and multisectoral approach in terms of drug supply reduction, drug demand reduction and HIV/AIDS interventions.

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Recommendation 22

Governments are encouraged to afford adequate protection to women who engage in drug trafficking as a result of coercion, threat of the use of force or use of force, as required under the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, if those women are found to be victims of trafficking in persons.

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Recommendation 23

Governments, in their efforts to implement multisectoral policy approaches to the drug problem, should increase the presence of women in law enforcement institutions and provide gender-sensitive training to law enforcement officers and other relevant professionals.

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Recommendation 24

Governments and the international community are invited to establish specific alternative development programmes for women in areas under illicit cultivation.

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