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

Bangkok, 21-24 October 2014

**Annotated provisional agenda****Provisional agenda**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures.
4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
5. Consideration of topics by working groups:
  - (a) Responding to trafficking in synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances and preventing the diversion of chemical precursors;
  - (b) Measures to amend legislation, agency practices and procedures that may improve the responses of national authorities to challenges posed by drug trafficking and related organized criminal offences;
  - (c) Collaboration and coordination among drug law enforcement agencies.
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 preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.
7. Organization of the Thirty-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
8. Other business
9. Adoption of the report of the Thirty-eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.

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\* English is the working language of the subsidiary body.



## **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 Chair, two Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

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

The draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, was approved at the Thirty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 21 to 24 October 2013.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Thirty-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/HONLAP/38/1)

### **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 were invited to submit to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, by 15 August 2014, a two-page report on the most recent trends in drug trafficking in their countries.

Participants are invited to inform the Thirty-eighth Meeting about action taken by their Governments to enhance regional and subregional cooperation in areas such as joint investigations, law enforcement training and sharing of information on and experiences in drug trafficking countermeasures.

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

A conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on regional and subregional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific will also be made available to participants.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on statistical analysis of drug trafficking trends in East, South-East and South Asia, Oceania and worldwide (UNODC/HONLAP/38/2)

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

Participants are invited to inform the Thirty-eighth Meeting about action taken by their Governments to implement the recommendations adopted at the Thirty-sixth Meeting. For its consideration of this item, the Thirty-eighth Meeting will have before it a note prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of 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, a note verbale was transmitted to the governments on 10 June 2014, urging them to return the completed questionnaire by 15 August 2014.

##### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/38/3)

#### **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. Subjects identified by the Thirty-seventh Meeting have been included under the three main working group topics. Speakers with relevant specialized knowledge will be invited to make introductory presentations on those subjects to inform the working groups and facilitate discussion. In preparing for the Meeting, delegates are invited to prepare material on the topics listed below.

##### **(a) Responding to trafficking in synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances and preventing the diversion of chemical precursors**

The working group on this topic will discuss challenges faced by authorities in responding to the increasing reports from the region of clandestine laboratories and corresponding increases in the availability of methamphetamine. The group will also discuss current trends and successful responses undertaken by authorities, as well as the location of production sites and the groups transporting the manufactured product. Effective procedures to prevent the diversion of chemicals to illicit use are also key contributors to better controls. Participants will be encouraged to share current trends observed, countermeasures introduced and suggestions on ways to improve the effectiveness of controls over the illicit manufacture, trafficking and sale of synthetic drugs.

##### **(b) Measures to amend legislation, agency practices and procedures that may improve the responses of national authorities to challenges posed by drug trafficking and related organized criminal offences**

The working group on this topic will discuss instances where shortfalls in legislation, agency practices and procedures leave authorities unable to act effectively against illicit drug trafficking and related organized criminal offences, such as the sale and distribution of new psychoactive substances by traffickers who exploit the lack of or loopholes in existing drug control legislation. Participants will be invited to identify areas in which the amendment of legislation and agency

practices would enable them to better respond to challenges posed by drug trafficking and related organized criminal offences, as well as to provide examples of approaches that have been effective in addressing those challenges.

**(c) Collaboration and coordination among drug law enforcement agencies**

Collaboration and coordination among drug law enforcement agencies, both at the national level and across international borders, in combating illicit drug trafficking and related organized crime continues to pose challenges. Some of the persistent challenges relate to access to and sharing of agency data; the lack of promulgated agency policies and the lack of clear guidelines on information-sharing and cooperation; cross-jurisdictional challenges related to evidence-gathering; and insufficient funding earmarked specifically for inter-agency operations and related requirements. The working group on this topic will explore the experiences of participants in addressing challenges posed by collaboration and coordination among agencies, discuss examples of strategies that have proved successful and identify areas where more work is needed to address obstacles.

**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 preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016**

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, as adopted at the high-level segment of the Commission's session, 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 the goals and targets set for 2019. Member States committed themselves to effectively implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action through resolute international cooperation, in collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations.

In paragraph 40 of the Political Declaration, Member States decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, should conduct a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, recommended that the Economic and Social Council devote a high-level segment to a theme related to the world drug problem and recommended that the General Assembly hold a special session to address the world drug problem.

In its resolution 67/193, the General Assembly decided to convene, early in 2016, a special session on the world drug problem, to review the progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments.

In its resolution 56/10, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs requested the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission to contribute to the monitoring of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action at

the regional level by discussing regional views on progress made in that regard under the agenda item entitled “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 the same resolution, the Commission encouraged Member States to consider the expertise and composition of their delegations to the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, with a view to covering the various aspects of the world drug problem (demand, supply and international cooperation) in order to hold substantive discussions on the issue and to actively participate in the consideration of the agenda item on follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, and requested the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, on the basis of their deliberations, to submit regional recommendations aimed at moving forward in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

In its resolution 68/197, the General Assembly requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the United Nations organ with the prime responsibility for drug control matters, to engage in the preparatory process for the special session, including by presenting proposals from the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Commission through the Economic and Social Council in support of the preparatory process, including progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, to be considered by the Assembly starting at its sixty-ninth session.

Pursuant to paragraph 40 of the Political Declaration, the Commission conducted a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action at its fifty-seventh session. The high-level segment, held on 13 and 14 March 2014, consisted of a general debate on progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action. In parallel there were round-table discussions on the three pillars of the Plan of Action: (a) demand reduction; (b) supply reduction: reducing the illicit supply of drugs, control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants, eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops and alternative development; and (c) countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation.

At the high-level segment, Member States adopted the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action (E/2014/28, chap. I, sect. C). In the Joint Ministerial Statement, Member States welcomed the progress that had been achieved, while acknowledging persistent and new challenges with respect to demand and supply reduction and to money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation. The Statement provides a strong basis for continuing preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016.

At its fifty-seventh session, the Commission adopted resolution 57/5, entitled “Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”. All operative paragraphs of resolution 57/5, apart from paragraph 14, are to be operationalized by the Commission, in recognition of its leading role in the preparations for the special session, as the central policymaking body of the United Nations dealing with drug-related matters. In that resolution, the Commission

decided to take all possible measures to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process for the special session by using its existing meetings and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner.

The Commission immediately started the implementation of the provisions of resolution 57/5. As an initial step, to facilitate the broader process of consultation with United Nations entities, international and regional organizations and non-governmental organizations, a website has been created ([www.ungass2016.org](http://www.ungass2016.org)), with the intention of enabling global dialogue in an inclusive and transparent manner and of serving as a resource tool for the Commission in its preparations for the special session. All relevant United Nations entities, international and regional organizations and non-governmental organizations that regularly attend the sessions of the Commission have been invited to send written contributions to the Secretariat for posting on that website.

At the first of a series of intersessional meetings, held on 10 June, Member States considered how they could make best use of the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (the regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East). All presentations made at that meeting have been posted online at [www.unodc.org/ungass2016/en/cnd\\_intersessional\\_June.html](http://www.unodc.org/ungass2016/en/cnd_intersessional_June.html).

Additional intersessional meetings will be held in the third quarter of 2014, with a view to preparing a one-day special segment on the special session of the Assembly, to be held during the reconvened fifty-seventh session of the Commission, on 3 December 2014, as well as a special segment on the special session of the Assembly to be held during the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, in March 2015.

Under this agenda item, participants will be invited to consider the challenges encountered by States of the region with regard to the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, particularly regarding part II of the Plan of Action, on supply reduction and related measures, but also regarding the implementation of part I, on demand reduction and related measures, and the third part, on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation. It is recalled that delegations were requested, in a note verbale dated 28 May 2014, to include in their written reports on the illicit drug trafficking situation in their countries and on their governments' regional and subregional cooperation efforts information on demand reduction and international cooperation on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation.

Participants may wish to discuss how they can best contribute to the preparations for the special session of the Assembly in 2016, drawing on their technical expertise and their practical regional experience, with a view to strengthening the operational and global implementation of the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action by the 2019 target date set in the Political Declaration.

### **Documentation**

Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (E/2009/28, chap. I, sect. C)

Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (E/2014/28, chap. I, sect. C)

**7. Organization of the Thirty-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific**

The Thirty-eighth Meeting is to consider a draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, including topics for discussion in working groups. A decision at the Thirty-eighth Meeting on the venue of the Thirty-ninth Meeting and on the topics for the working groups would greatly facilitate the preparation and organization of the Thirty-ninth Meeting. A conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on the standard letter of agreement and conference requirements for hosting a meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific, will be made available to participants.

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the Thirty-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (UNODC/HONLAP/38/4)

**8. Other business**

Under the item entitled “Other business”, the Thirty-eighth Meeting may wish to address any other important issues, such as urgent matters reflected in the country reports.

**9. Adoption of the report of the Thirty-eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific**

The Thirty-eighth 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>
<b>Tuesday, 21 October</b>	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
	2 p.m.	4 Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific
	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 preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016	
<b>Wednesday, 22 October</b>	9 a.m.	5 Consideration of topics by working groups
	1.30 p.m.	5 Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 23 October</b>	9 a.m.	5 Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
	1.30 p.m.	5 Consideration of topics by working groups ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Friday, 24 October</b>	10 a.m.	7 Organization of the Thirty-ninth Meeting
		8 Other business
	1.30 p.m.	9 Adoption of the report of the Thirty-eighth Meeting