Thirty-eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies,
Asia and the Pacific
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1. Representatives whose Governments wish to act as host for the Thirty-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, or a subsequent meeting, are invited to inform the Thirty-eighth Meeting accordingly. The information will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fifty-eighth session.

2. The draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-ninth Meeting is annexed to the present document.

3. Item 4 of the draft provisional agenda is devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Thirty-seventh Meeting. To facilitate reporting, Governments will receive a questionnaire concerning action they have taken to implement those recommendations, which will be transmitted along with the invitation to the Thirty-ninth Meeting.

4. At the fortieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the view was expressed that the recommendations adopted by the Commission’s subsidiary bodies would remain meaningless if Governments did not take action and, where necessary, enacted national legislation to implement those recommendations. Participating States are urged to implement the recommendations conscientiously and promptly so that progress can be evaluated effectively.

* English is the working language of the subsidiary body.
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5. It would be highly desirable for the Thirty-eighth Meeting to identify the most appropriate topics for consideration by the working groups at the Thirty-ninth Meeting. Alternatively, the Meeting may wish to request the Secretariat to consult the participating States informally with a view to identifying those topics.

6. In its resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012, the General Assembly decided to convene, in early 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 on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem. That special session is to include 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.

7. Furthermore, in its resolution 56/10, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs requested the meetings of its subsidiary bodies 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 under the agenda item 5 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 hold substantive discussions on the issue and to actively participate in that agenda item. The Commission further requested the meetings of its subsidiary bodies to submit, on the basis of their deliberations, regional recommendations aimed at moving forward in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

8. At its fifty-seventh session, the Commission also 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 that resolution, except operative paragraph 14, are to be operationalized by the Commission in recognition of its leading role, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations dealing with drug-related matters, in the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly. In the same resolution the Commission also decided to make best use of its existing meeting and reporting entitlements, to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process for the 2016 special session.

9. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss how they can best use their technical expertise and practical experience in the region to contribute to the preparations for the 2016 special session of the General Assembly with a view to strengthening the global implementation of the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action by the 2019 target date set in the Declaration.
Annex

Draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Consideration of topics by working groups: [to be determined].
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.
8. Other business.