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**Forty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific**

Bangkok, 25–28 October 2022

Item 7 of the provisional agenda\*\*

**Organization of the Forty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific****Organization of the Forty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific****Note by the Secretariat**

1. The Forty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, will be held in 2023.
2. The draft provisional agenda for the Forty-fifth Meeting is annexed to the present note.
3. Item 4 of the provisional agenda for the Forty-fifth Meeting will be devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Forty-fourth Meeting. A questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments to implement those recommendations will be sent with the invitations to the Forty-fifth Meeting. A report summarizing the responses of Member States will be prepared in order to facilitate consideration of the implementation of those recommendations at the Forty-fifth Meeting.
4. At the fortieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the view was expressed that the recommendations adopted by the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission would remain meaningless if Governments did not take action, including, where necessary, the enactment of national legislation to implement those recommendations. States represented in the Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, are urged to promptly implement the recommendations so that an effective evaluation of progress can be made.
5. In the Ministerial Declaration on Strengthening Our Actions at the National, Regional and International Levels to Accelerate the Implementation of Our Joint Commitments to Address and Counter the World Drug Problem of 2019, Member States resolved to review in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 2029 the progress in the implementation of all international drug policy commitments, with a mid-term review in

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the Commission in 2024. In preparation for the mid-term review, the Commission will conduct, in 2023, in line with the multi-year workplan for the period 2019–2023, a stock-taking of the progress made in implementing all commitments made to address the challenges identified in the Ministerial Declaration.

6. Under agenda item 5, participants will be invited to discuss how they could best contribute, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to accelerating the implementation of all commitments made since 2009, drawing on their technical expertise and regional experience. Participants will also be encouraged to share views on the progress made in the implementation of the drug policy commitments at the regional level, thereby contributing to the preparations for the 2024 mid-term review.

7. The Forty-fifth Meeting will also provide participants with an opportunity to discuss in general how the Commission's subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the practical implementation of joint commitments made, in line with the Ministerial Declaration of 2019, ensuring that the Commission is informed of regional and domestic concerns, developments and best practices by all stakeholders.

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**Annex****Draft provisional agenda for the Forty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific**

1. Election of officers.
  2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
  3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation in addressing and countering the world drug problem.
  4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Forty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
  5. Follow-up on the implementation at the national, regional and international levels of all commitments, as reflected in the Ministerial Declaration of 2019, to address and counter the world drug problem.
  6. Consideration of topics by working groups.
  7. Organization of the Forty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
  8. Other business.
  9. Adoption of the report of the Forty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
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