Forty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific
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Item 7 of the provisional agenda

Organization of the Forty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Forty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, will be held in 2024.

2. The draft provisional agenda for the Forty-sixth Meeting is annexed to the present note.

3. Item 4 of the provisional agenda for the Forty-sixth Meeting will be devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Forty-fifth Meeting. A questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments to implement those recommendations will be sent with the invitations to the Forty-sixth Meeting. The responses provided by Member States will be made available online on the secure web page of the meeting, in order to facilitate consideration of the implementation of those recommendations at the Forty-sixth 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 at 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 made in the implementation of all international drug policy commitments, with a
midterm review in the Commission in 2024. In preparation for the midterm review, the Commission will conduct, in 2023, in line with the multi-year workplan for the period 2019–2023, a stocktaking of the progress made in implementing all commitments made to address the challenges identified in the Ministerial Declaration.

6. At its regular sixty-sixth session, held in March 2023, the Commission adopted a resolution on the preparations for the 2024 midterm review in which the Commission decided to convene a two-day high-level segment, in addition to the five regular days of the sixty-seventh session, to be held in March 2024, consisting of: (a) a general debate; and (b) two multi-stakeholder round tables on the topics “Taking stock: work undertaken since 2019” and “The way forward: the road to 2029” (see Commission resolution 66/1).

7. 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 midterm review.

8. The Forty-sixth 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.

9. Representatives whose Governments wish to act as host for the Forty-sixth Meeting or a subsequent meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, are invited to inform the Forty-fifth Meeting accordingly. The Secretariat can make available a draft text for a host country agreement upon request.
Annex

Draft provisional agenda for the Forty-sixth 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.
5. Follow-up to 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.
8. Other business.