**Implementation of the recommendations**

**adopted by the Fifty-first session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East,**

**held in Riyadh from 20 to 24 November 2016**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

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* **Summarize** **action taken** on the implementation of each recommendation in no more than 200 words;
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* If applicable, provide information on the **main obstacles to the implementation** of a recommendation.

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| **Issue I** |
| **Strengthening cooperation and coordination against trafficking** |
| **Recommendation 1** |

Governments should support close cooperation between their national law enforcement agencies and the private sector — including Internet service providers and money remittance companies, the banking sector and virtual currency service providers — to meet the challenge of Internet-based illicit drug trade and the illicit financial flows related to it.

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| **Recommendation 2** |

Governments should encourage their law enforcement authorities to regularly use the capacities of the existing regional and international law enforcement cooperation organizations and centres, such as the Joint Planning Cell, the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre, the Criminal Information Centre to Combat Drugs of the Gulf Cooperation Council and others through, inter alia, regular meetings of the officers involved in ongoing cases. Cooperation between these centres should be encouraged under the “networking the networks” initiative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in order to facilitate interregional criminal intelligence exchange and coordination of multilateral operations. These regional law enforcement cooperation centres should explain and propose their services to States members of the Subcommission and update them on their capacities.

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| **Recommendation 3** |

Governments should encourage their law enforcement training and educational institutions to cooperate at the regional and international level, including under the Law Enforcement TrainNet initiative of UNODC, to facilitate the exchange of curricula, training materials, methodologies and good practices.

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| **Recommendation 4** |

Close cooperation between law enforcement agencies and financial intelligence units should be strongly encouraged in order to more effectively target and dismantle illicit financial flows originating from illicit drug trafficking.

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| **Recommendation 5** |

Governments should consider establishing and/or strengthening regional platforms of prosecutorial authorities in order to facilitate informal cooperation on legal matters related to the investigation of the cases pertaining to organized crime, including drug trafficking.

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| **Issue II** |
| **Current trends and modus operandi in trafficking in amphetamine-type stimulants, new psychoactive substances and pharmaceutical preparations** |
| **Recommendation 6** |

Governments are encouraged to place greater focus on identifying the sources of and the criminal organizations behind the diversion and trafficking of precursor chemicals as well as “captagon”.

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| **Recommendation 7** |

Governments are required to encourage their drug law enforcement, chemical control and other relevant authorities to enhance inter-agency cooperation in precursor control. Specifically, there is a need to enhance efforts to conduct effective follow-up investigations into suspicious transactions, diversions and diversion attempts and seizures, and to invest in financial investigations.

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| **Recommendation 8** |

In their efforts to counter the illicit manufacture of and trafficking in “captagon” and related precursor chemicals, Governments should gather and share information more systematically and make use of existing tools and coordination mechanisms, such as Pre-Export Notification Online (PEN Online) for shipments in international trade and the Precursors Incident Communication System (PICS) to communicate seizures and other illicit incidents involving precursors, with a view to sharing information globally and preventing diversion elsewhere.

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| **Recommendation 9** |

Governments, with the assistance of UNODC and the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), as appropriate, should further strengthen efforts of national, regional and international cooperation, participate in relevant global initiatives undertaken by UNODC and INCB, and facilitate cooperation on concrete cases, where required.

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| **Recommendation 10** |

Governments may consider establishing state-of-the-art chemical profiling facilities at laboratories in order to link the samples to the trafficking networks.

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| **Issue III** |
| **Comprehensive and balanced drug-related policies through cooperation and coordination mechanisms among domestic authorities at all levels** |
| **Recommendation 11** |

Member States are further encouraged to adopt drug laws and regulatory policies that are in support of a health-centred and evidence-based approach to drug demand reduction.

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| **Recommendation 12** |

Governments are encouraged to strengthen, through training, the capacity of law enforcement officers to engage in appropriate drug demand reduction activities, such as stigma reduction, outreach, early screening and referral.

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| **Recommendation 13** |

Governments are encouraged to promote multisectoral collaboration in the development and delivery of drug demand reduction programmes and services, through the establishment of national coordination mechanisms.

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| **Recommendation 14** |

Governments are encouraged to utilize social media platforms for outreach and in support of evidence-based drug prevention efforts.

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| **Issue IV** |
| **Practical measures tailored to the specific needs of children and youth to prevent drug abuse and facilitate consideration of the needs of underage drug offenders with regard to the criminal justice system** |
| **Recommendation 15** |

Member States are encouraged to identify and adopt a framework of legislative aid services to support and protect the rights of young offenders interacting with the criminal justice system.

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| **Recommendation 16** |

Governments are encouraged to adopt balanced and comprehensive national drug prevention strategies that are in line with the guidance available in the *International Standards on Drug Use Prevention*.

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| **Recommendation 17** |

Members States are encouraged to adopt youth drug prevention programmes that take into consideration the needs of youth and children and address the risk factors and vulnerabilities associated with each developmental stage.

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