**Implementation of the recommendations**

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

**held in Tashkent from 23 to 27 September 2019**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

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**implementation of recommendations**

The Secretariat kindly invites Governments to follow the guidelines below when replying to the questionnaire:

* **Summarize** **action taken** on the implementation of each recommendation in no more than 200 words;
* Provide **complete references** to legislation or to any other document if relevant for the implementation of each recommendation;
* Where possible and applicable, provide **quantified data** in addition to description of action taken;
* If applicable, provide information on the **main obstacles to the implementation** of a recommendation.

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| **Issue I** |
| **Importance of exchange of actionable intelligence and the role of regional cooperation platforms in facilitating that exchange** |
| **Recommendation 1** |

Governments should be encouraged to further strengthen cooperation at the national level among law enforcement bodies (police, customs, border protection services, specialized agencies, etc.) to ensure swift completion of internal procedures for the timely exchange of actionable intelligence.

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| Any action taken  YES  NO |
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| **Recommendation 2** |

Governments should encourage their law enforcement agencies to regularly use the platforms of regional cooperation centres, such as the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre (CARICC), the Joint Planning Cell and the Criminal Information Centre to Combat Drugs of the Gulf Cooperation Council, for the collection, analysis and exchange of criminal intelligence and coordination of multilateral operations. Governments should be encouraged to make better use of the network of law enforcement liaison officers for those purposes.

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| **Recommendation 3** |

Governments should undertake the steps necessary to support face-to-face meetings of the law enforcement officials involved in ongoing investigations to ensure the exchange of specific information and facilitate further post-seizure investigations.

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| **Issue II** |
| **Trafficking in synthetic opioids and synthetic cannabinoids and measures to counter such trafficking** |
| **Recommendation 4** |

Governments should consider allocating more resources to modernizing their drug-testing laboratories, enhancing the skills of scientists and providing adequate tools and equipment to front-line law enforcement officers.

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| **Recommendation 5** |

Governments should be encouraged to make full use of the United Nations Toolkit on Synthetic Drugs, which includes a wide range of resources such as guidelines, technical information and links to useful resources, instruments and training to assist Member States in designing effective countermeasures to contain the threats posed by synthetic drugs.

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| **Recommendation 6** |

Governments should take advantage of the information available in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances and should be encouraged to provide information to UNODC on new psychoactive substances when they are identified by national drug-testing laboratories to enhance understanding on patterns and trends in their emergence.

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| **Recommendation 7** |

Governments should be encouraged to allow national forensic laboratories to participate in the UNODC International Collaborative Exercise programme, which is aimed at assisting drug-testing laboratories worldwide in assessing their own performance and taking corrective actions, when appropriate.

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| **Recommendation 8** |

UNODC should be encouraged to provide financial and technical assistance, including specialized drug control equipment and training, to national drug-testing laboratories.

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| **Issue III** |
| **Record levels of opiate production and related challenges** |

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| **Recommendation 9** |

Governments should be encouraged to introduce and/or further develop profiling techniques to ensure the targeting of trafficking in drugs and precursors while facilitating legal trade. The UNODC Container Control Programme is instrumental in providing training on those techniques in relation to container shipments.

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| **Recommendation 10** |

Governments should undertake appropriate measures at the national level and cooperate at the international level to identify and investigate the diversion of precursor chemicals (specifically acetic anhydride) and the subsequent trafficking thereof.

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| **Recommendation 11** |

Governments should be encouraged to further support the efforts of Afghanistan to reduce opium poppy cultivation, counter trafficking in opiates, dismantle clandestine laboratories and implement alternative development programmes.

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| **Issue IV** |
| **Practical measures tailored to the specific needs of children and youth to prevent and treat drug abuse among them** |
| **Recommendation 12** |

Governments should be encouraged to implement a system of prevention at the national level that incorporates a number of integrated prevention interventions that are based on science, aligned with the *International Standards on Drug Use Prevention* and take cultural factors into consideration.

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| **Recommendation 13** |

Governments should recognize that drug use and drug use disorders are a multifactorial health disorder and ensure that quality drug use disorder treatment is available for all persons in need of services.

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| **Recommendation 14** |

Governments should be encouraged to utilize established platforms and networks for collecting data and sharing best practices in prevention and treatment among countries in the region.

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| **Recommendation 15** |

Governments should place a value on youth empowerment and the inclusion of youth in policy discussions around the issues of risk behaviours, including substance use.

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