

- Presentation focuses on one of the aspects highlighted in chapter 6 of the UNGASS outcome document, the work of the Commission’s subsidiary bodies – the HONLEAs (Meetings of the Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies) and the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East.
- This presentation is meant to respond to the call made by several delegations during the brainstorming meetings with the regional group organized by the Chair of the 60th session of the CND, namely to receive more information from the Secretariat.

INTRODUCTION



- Forum of exchange for practitioners dealing with drug-related matters at the national level to **advance cooperation in drug law enforcement activities at the regional level**;
- Providing the **regional perspectives** to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;
- **5 regions** covered - Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, Africa and the Middle East with meetings taking place annually/biennially;
- Participants of the meetings include mainly the **operational heads of national drug law enforcement agencies**;

- The Economic and Social Council established the HONLEAs - the meetings of the Heads of National Law Enforcement Agencies - and the Subcommission as subsidiary bodies of the Commission - as a **forum of exchange for practitioners** dealing with drug-related matters at the national level and to **advance cooperation in drug law enforcement activities against illicit drug trafficking at the regional level**. The subsidiary bodies so to say provide the Commission with the regional practitioners perspective and expertise.
- **The regions covered include Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, Africa and the Middle East**. The meetings take place annually - only HONLEA Europe takes place every second year - to identify policy and enforcement issues in the regions, establishing working groups to analyze the issues, and then bring their reports and recommendations to the attention of the Commission.
- At the moment, the participants of the meetings include **mainly the operational heads of national drug law enforcement agencies** (heads of police, customs, gendarmerie and other law enforcement services), as well as some heads of central drug bodies and some senior officials of the ministries of interior, justice, health and foreign affairs.

EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF WORK OF THE CND SUBSIDIARY BODIES – WHY NOW?

UNGASS 2016 OUTCOME DOCUMENT

- (chapter 6(c)) Member States committed to strengthen, including through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and, as appropriate, its subsidiary bodies, ***the regular exchange of information, good practices and lessons learned among national practitioners from different fields.***

GA RESOLUTION 71/211

- Invited CND to ***examine how its subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the implementation of the outcome document*** and ensure that the Commission was informed about developments at the regional level.



Why is the timing opportune to look into the scope of work of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission?

- Health related issues have come to play a more important role on the agenda of the CND in recent years. Topics of prevention, treatment and care are standing items on the list of subjects dealt with by the Commission, and other aspects such as the availability of drugs for medical purposes are increasingly gaining attention. This trend is reflected in the agenda of the meetings of the CND, and respectively in the participation at the Commissions. There is broad recognition of the need of drug demand and supply reduction to be integrated and complementary.
- In the preparations leading up to the UNGASS 2016, many delegations referred to the regional level as being a key component for the successful implementation of the UNGASS recommendations. In the UNGASS outcome document, adopted by the General Assembly at the special session in April 2016, Member States committed themselves to strengthen, ***including through the CND subsidiary bodies, the regular exchange of information, good practices and lessons learned among national practitioners from different fields.***
- One of the initiatives to facilitate the subsidiary bodies' efforts to implement the UNGASS outcome recommendations was already taken in the 2016 meetings of the subsidiary bodies, with the addition of a post-UNGASS working group – complementing the other working groups, namely on mainstreaming of gender perspectives in drug-related policies (in HONLEA – Latin America and the Caribbean; and HONLEA – Asia Pacific); and on specific needs and circumstances of children and youth with regard to the world drug problem (in HONLEA – Africa; and the Sub-commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East) and well as access to controlled substances (HONLEA Africa).
- In December 2016, with the adoption of resolution 71/211 on “international cooperation to address and counter the world drug problem”, the General Assembly invited the CND to examine ***how its subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the implementation of the outcome document*** and to ensure that the Commission was informed about developments at the regional level.

EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF WORK OF THE CND SUBSIDIARY BODIES – NEW ?

2009 POLITICAL DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION 2014 JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

- recognized that the world drug problem required a “*mutually reinforcing and balanced approach to supply and demand reduction strategies*” and highlighted the *complementary and inter-connected nature of supply and demand reduction* and reconfirmed the commitment to implementing this balanced approach

CND RESOLUTION 56/10

- requested the subsidiary bodies to **contribute to the monitoring of the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action**, providing regional views on its implementation and encouraged Member States to consider the expertise and composition of their delegations with a view to covering the various aspects of the world drug problem (demand, supply and international cooperation)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- recognized the need to *strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse* as a target to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages (SDG 3)



- **While the adoption of the UNGASS OUTCOME DOCUMENT** offers a **momentum**, this is not new. The importance of ensuring a balanced approach to supply and demand reduction strategies has been recognized by the Commission in numerous policy documents and resolutions.
- In the **Political Declaration and Plan of Action of 2009** for example, Member States recognized that the world drug problem required a “mutually reinforcing and balanced approach to supply and demand reduction strategies”.
- Member States further highlighted the complementary and inter-connected nature of supply and demand reduction throughout the Declaration, and reconfirmed their commitment to implementing this balanced approach in the **Joint Ministerial Statement of 2014**.
- **CND resolution 56/10** requested the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission to contribute to the monitoring of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards and Integrated and Balanced Strategy to counter the World Drug Problem - with the Political Declaration being based on three pillars, supply reduction and international cooperation as well as demand reduction. In resolution 56/10, the Commission further encouraged Member States to consider the expertise and composition of their delegations to the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, with a view to covering the various aspects of the world drug problem (demand, supply and international cooperation) in order to hold substantive discussions on the issue and to actively participate in the agenda item on the follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.
- In the recently adopted **Sustainable Development Goals**, the need to strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse as a target to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages (SDG 3) was further recognized.

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ENSURING a mutually reinforcing and balanced approach to supply and demand reduction strategies

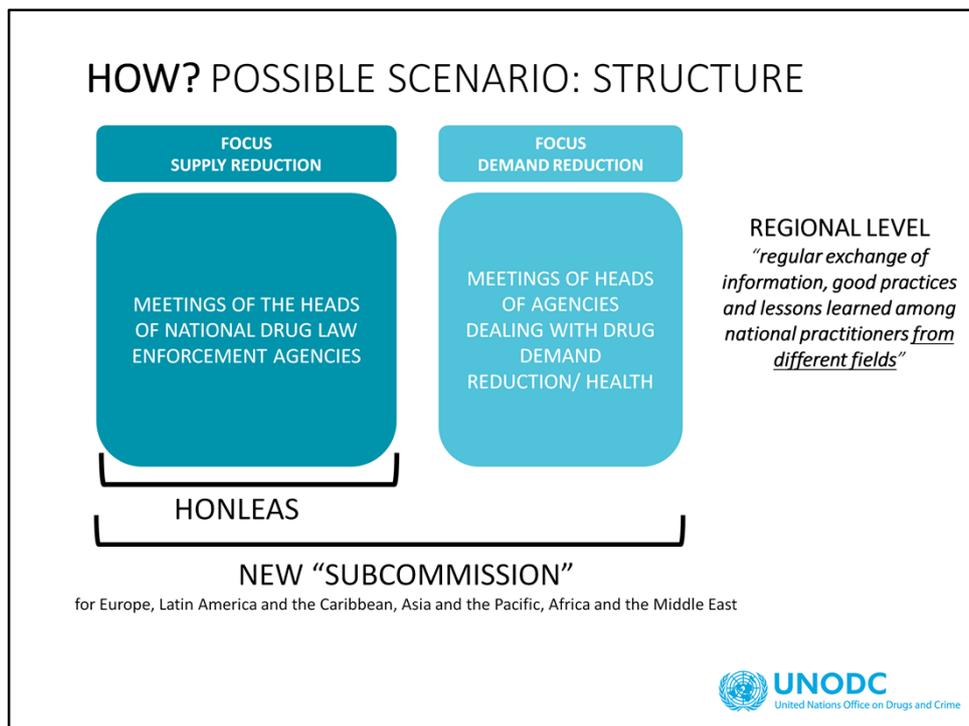
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- ensuring a mutually reinforcing and balanced approach – also in the subsidiary bodies;
- implementing UNGASS 2016 - strengthen, the regular exchange of information, good practices and lessons learned among national practitioners from different fields;
- practitioners meeting (no duplication but added value to CND): preserving law enforcement part – ADDING back-to-back “health” part;
- maximum use of existing meeting and documentation entitlements;
- Agenda/specific themes: tailored to the needs and concerns of the respective region

 **UNODC**
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

What would this mean for the subsidiary bodies?

- To fully implement the commitments made, the Commission could consider expanding the subsidiary bodies’ substantive scope of work and complement their range of participants accordingly. The aim would be to **ADD VALUE – trying to do this in the most sensible way.**
- The HONLEAs and the Subcommission currently provide a very valuable opportunity mainly for law enforcement experts to discuss regional implications of the world drug problem particularly as regards illicit drug trafficking. Enlarging the scope of work of the subsidiary bodies **would not change this or reduce the focus on law enforcement but IN ADDITION provide – back-to-back- national health or demand reduction practitioners with the same forum of exchange as well as the possibility of interacting with their law enforcement counterparts**, allowing the subsidiary bodies to make more comprehensive contributions to the work of the Commission and as such increasing the relevance of their input to both the work of the CND and the UNGASS implementation. **More comprehensive reporting from the regional level would also strengthen the link back to the CND.**
- The Commission could make maximum use of existing meeting as well as documentation entitlements, allowing the additional demand reduction component to be added in the most efficient manner (more information on this will follow).
- There is **no one-size-fits-all approach** – also for the regional practitioners meetings, where experts work together to address the specificities of each region in addressing and countering the world drug problem. As it is at the moment, each regional meeting has a tailored agenda with region-specific teams; adopts a set of targeted recommendations to be implemented at the regional level. **Tailoring the programme of work to the specific needs and concerns of the specific region is absolutely key.** It is important that this is done in a manner by which all Member States feel comfortable.



How could such an enlarged meeting of the subsidiary be structured?

- By **keeping the current focus of the HONLEAs and the Subcommission for the Middle East on the law enforcement component and ADDING an additional demand reduction element back to back**, the HONLEAs could become **NEW "Subcommissions"** for Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, Africa and the Middle East.
- The additional segment would **benefit** from the **participation of both the operational heads or representatives of the agencies dealing with drug demand reduction matters and health, as well as current participants that include operational heads of drug law enforcement agencies and senior officials of the ministries of interior, justice, health and foreign affairs.**

HOW? MAXIMIZING THE USE OF EXISTING MEETINGS' ENTITLEMENTS

EXAMPLE 5 DAYS MEETING – TO BE ADJUSTED ACCORDING TO REGION)

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
PLENARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening (Election, Agenda, etc.) • Major regional trends • Implementation of Recommendations previous meeting 	WORKING GROUP SUPPLY REDUCTION	Adoption Recommendations Supply Reduction	PLENARY Follow-up to the Political Declaration and UNGASS 2016	WORKING GROUP DEMAND REDUCTION
WORKING GROUP SUPPLY REDUCTION	WORKING GROUP SUPPLY REDUCTION	PLENARY Introduction (Member States Presentation on Law Enforcement/Health Cooperation) <i>[JOINT WORKING GROUP(S)]</i>	WORKING GROUP DEMAND REDUCTION	PLENARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption Recommendations Demand Reduction • Organization Next Meeting • Other Business • Adoption Report Plenary



- With the agenda for supply reduction re-organized within **three dedicated working group sessions** focusing on law enforcement matters, one session could be devoted to a **joint meeting containing joint working group(s)**; **two sessions could be devoted to health issues** specifically as well as **the remaining sessions for the plenary**. This scenario could of course be adjusted to the needs of each regional meeting.
- The holding of meetings in this new, comprehensive format would be subject to the Commission considering formally – pursuant to the invitation contained in GA resolution 71/211 operative para 97 – enlarging the scope of work of its subsidiary bodies. The Commission could consider this matter for example during its March session by tabling a joint resolution, for final adoption by the Economic and Social Council.

HOW? MAXIMISING THE USE OF EXISTING DOCUMENTATION ENTITLEMENTS

DOCUMENTATION ENTITLEMENTS

- Documentation for the “SUBSIDIARY BODIES NEW” – making maximum use of existing entitlements for the subsidiary bodies

DOCUMENTATION CURRENT/NEW

- Provisional agenda, annotations and proposed organization of work
- Report of the Secretariat on Statistics on drug trafficking *(and drug abuse)* trends in xxx and worldwide
- Report of the Secretariat on current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation *(including “demand reduction” components)*
- Note by the Secretariat on the review of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the XX Meeting *(could for future meetings also include demand reduction recommendations)*
- Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the XX meeting of HONLEA, Europe
- Final report on the XX “meeting of ...”



This setup scenario would not only allow for existing resources in terms of conference management to be used in an efficient and cost effective way but would also allow to make **maximum use of the existing documentation entitlements** of the subsidiary bodies.

A possible scenario to include the additional demand reduction component in the current documentation could be the following:

- The provisional agenda, annotations and proposed organization of work would be re-organized to include the new elements
- The report of the Secretariat on Statistics on drug trafficking trends in the region and world wide could be enlarged by adding information on drug abuse trends in the region.
- The demand reduction component could also be added by the Secretariat to the report of the Secretariat on the current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation
- The Note on the review of implementation of the recommendations, could, at a second round of meetings held in the new format, also include reporting on the implementation of recommendations emanating from the working groups on demand reduction.
- The Note by the Secretariat on the organization and the report would be adjusted accordingly.

HOW? ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS

Support for travel of participants – “Demand Reduction” Segment

Support for travel substantive experts to the meetings

Support for Secretariat to the Governing Bodies



By making maximum use of existing entitlements, the Commission would be in the position to subsume a substantive part of the requirements for the additional demand reduction component.

Additional investments would predominately need to be looked into:

- The travel of participants, namely the national health/demand reduction practitioners.
- Participation of demand reduction experts in the meetings, substantive and organizational servicing by the Secretariat for the subsidiary bodies.

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