

A. Recommendations adopted by the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East at its fiftieth session

1. The fiftieth session of the Subcommission adopted the recommendations set forth below, which had been drawn up by its working groups. For the observations and conclusions of the working groups that led to the recommendations, see chapter V below.

1. Counteracting new trends in the use of technology by drug traffickers

2. The following recommendations were made with regard to counteracting new trends in the use of technology by drug traffickers:

- (a) Governments should support close cooperation between their national law enforcement agencies, service providers, postal service and courier companies to develop effective and integrated controls to meet the challenge of Internet-based pharmacies and similar websites selling illicit drugs and controlled pharmaceutical preparations;
- (b) Governments should encourage their law enforcement authorities to regularly coordinate and exchange information about current trends in detected cybercrime offences, persons or groups identified as the originators of these offences and share best practices and counter measures to successfully investigate these offences;
- (c) Governments are encouraged to utilize the technical assistance programmes available through UNODC to build the professional capacity of their authorities to successfully investigate, gather evidence and prosecute cybercrime and related offences.

2. The dynamics and current trends of the region's illicit drug markets

3. The following recommendations were made with regard to the dynamics and current trends of the region's illicit drug markets:

- (a) Member States are encouraged to adopt national strategies to prevent misuse and abuse of prescription drugs and psychotropic substances;
- (b) Member States are encouraged to review their current drug control frameworks so as to ensure they support a balanced response encompassing drug prevention, drug dependence treatment, care and rehabilitation, prevention of health and social consequences, ensuring access to controlled drugs for medical purposes, as well as supply reduction;
- (c) Member States are encouraged to strengthen their national drug demand reduction strategies to be comprehensive, evidence-based and supported by monitoring and evaluation.

3. Measures to counter money-laundering and illicit financial flows

4. The following recommendations were made with regard to the measures to counter money-laundering and illicit financial flows:

- (a) Governments should encourage their drug law enforcement agencies and financial intelligence units to work together and promptly respond to legal requests for information and support with financial investigations from foreign competent authorities;
- (b) Governments should support the establishment of inter-agency joint investigation teams to investigate the laundering of the proceeds of drug trafficking;
- (c) Governments are encouraged to make use of the specialized technical support available through UNODC to strengthen their capacity to combat money-laundering and related offences.