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**Twelfth Meeting of Heads of National  
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**Draft report***Rapporteur:* Kris Lapiere (Belgium)**Implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs decision 60/1,  
on strengthening the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on  
Narcotic Drugs**

1. At its 2nd meeting, held on 27 June 2017, the Meeting considered item 7 of the agenda entitled “Implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs decision 60/1, on strengthening the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.”
2. Introductory statements were made by the Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Secretariat with a view to the practical implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs decision 60/1. In this decision the Commission decided, in response to the invitation contained in paragraph 97 of General Assembly resolution 71/211 of 19 December 2016, and mindful of the requests contained in Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 56/10 of 15 March 2013 and the operational recommendation contained in paragraph 6 (c) of the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”; to examine how its subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the implementation of the outcome document; to inform its subsidiary bodies of the invitation contained in paragraph 97 of General Assembly resolution 71/211; and to invite the subsidiary bodies to consider that invitation at their upcoming meetings and report back to the Commission in due course.
3. The role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the central policymaking body in the United Nations system for drug-related matters, and the important role played by its subsidiary bodies, providing the regional perspective, was highlighted.
4. Several speakers underlined the importance of focusing on the practical implementation of the UNGASS outcome document and the important role played by law enforcement authorities in translating the operational recommendations into action. Some speakers stressed the important contributions of the HONLEAs to the implementation of the commitments made in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

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5. Some speakers underlined the need to strengthen the role of the HONLEAs as a law enforcement exchange platform. Some speakers expressed the view that HONLEA Europe should primarily concentrate on law enforcement issues and that demand reduction and other topics would better be dealt with in other forums. Other speakers highlighted the importance of taking into account the global discussions relating to demand reduction issues, such as prevention and treatment, as well as gender, human rights and access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, held in the context of the follow-up to the special session, and to strengthen the exchange of information and experiences among practitioners from different areas.
  6. One speaker underlined the importance of ensuring a holistic approach to law enforcement, focusing in particular on the close cooperation among all relevant national authorities to ensure a comprehensive and balanced approach, and in this regard, welcomed the additional working groups held at the subsidiary bodies to discuss cross-cutting issues identified in the outcome document of the special session.
  7. In response to the implementation of CND decision 60/1, some speakers noted that the discussion on a more comprehensive agenda of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should be carefully conducted in a step-by-step manner, in close consultations with all Member States, also in view of the 62nd session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 2019. Several speakers welcomed an open discussion on this matter.
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