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**Twenty-seventh Meeting of Heads of
National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies,
Latin America and the Caribbean**

Guatemala City, 2-6 October 2017

Draft report*Rapporteur:* McArthur Sutherland (Jamaica)**Organization of the Meeting****A. Opening and duration of the Meeting**

1. The Twenty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, was held in Guatemala City, from 2 to 6 October 2017. The inaugural ceremony was held on 2 October 2017 and was addressed by the Vice President of Guatemala, Jafeth Ernesto Cabrera Franco, the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Pablo César García Sáenz, the Fifth Vice Minister of Interior, Óscar Miguel Dávila Mejicanos and the Representative of the Executive Director and Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Office for Central America and the Caribbean in Panama, Amado de Andrés.

B. Attendance

2. The following States members of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean were represented: Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Spain and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
3. The Russian Federation was represented by observers.
4. The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) was also represented by an observer.
5. UNODC served as the secretariat of the Meeting.

* Available only in English, French and Spanish, which are the working languages of the subsidiary body.



C. Election of officers

6. At its 1st meeting, on 2 October 2017, the Meeting elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson: Juan Rafael Sánchez (Guatemala)
First Vice-Chairperson: José Camilo Sandoval (Colombia)
Second Vice-Chairperson: José Luis Valdivia (Argentina)
Rapporteur: McArthur Sutherland (Jamaica)

D. Adoption of the agenda

7. At the same meeting, the Twenty-seventh Meeting of HONLEA, Latin America and the Caribbean, adopted the following agenda:

1. Election of officers.
 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
 3. Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures.
 4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Twenty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean.
 5. Consideration of topics by working groups:
 - (a) Coordinating the regional communication platforms supporting drug law enforcement across Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (b) Links between illicit drug trafficking and other forms of organized crime, including money-laundering;
 - (c) Alternatives to imprisonment for certain offences as demand reduction strategies that promote public health and safety;
 - (d) Practical measures tailored to the specific needs of children and youth to prevent and treat drug abuse among them and to address their involvement in drug-related crime.
 6. Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, and to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016.
 7. Implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs Decision [60/1](#), on strengthening the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
 8. Organization of the Twenty-eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean.
 9. Other business.
 10. Adoption of the report of the Twenty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean.
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