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**Forty-first Meeting of Heads of National
Drug Law Enforcement Agencies,
Asia and the Pacific**

Bangkok, 27–30 November 2017

Agenda item 10

Adoption of the report**Draft report***Rapporteur:* Lee Pin How (Singapore)**Addendum****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**

1. At its 2nd meeting on 27 November 2017, the Meeting considered agenda item 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”.
2. For its consideration of the item, the Meeting had before it the General Assembly resolution S-30/1 entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”, and the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem ([E/2009/28](#), chap. I, sect. C).
3. The Secretary made an audiovisual under this agenda item. In her statement, the Secretary recalled that, in its resolution [69/200](#), the General Assembly had decided that the special session on the world drug problem in 2016 would have an inclusive preparatory process and that the Commission, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, would lead that process by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner. The Assembly convened the special session from 19 to 21 April 2016 and adopted the outcome document entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”, as contained in the annex to resolution S-30/1. The Secretary described the structure and substantive focus of the outcome document and referred to the activities undertaken by the Commission in follow-up to the special session, including thematic discussions held by the

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Commission, regional level contributions, the creation of a post-special session website and awareness-raising workshops.

4. During the discussion of the item, a statement was made by the representative of Thailand.

5. The speaker noted that it was helpful to link the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission to the follow-up to the special session and expressed her Government's support for the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and encouraged States to assist UNODC in moving forward in this regard.

6. Furthermore, the speaker highlighted that the drug problem should be addressed in an integrated, multidisciplinary, balanced and comprehensive manner in relation to supply and demand reduction strategies and reaffirmed her Government's commitment to the three international drug control treaties and to the operational recommendations contained in the outcome document of the special session. She also noted that her country stood ready to serve as a learning centre on alternative development for interested countries, in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals, and expressed her Government's satisfaction with the inclusion of a thematic chapter on alternative development in the outcome document. Moreover, reference was made to the importance of the long-standing partnership between the countries in the Greater Mekong sub-region and UNODC under the 1993 Memorandum of Understanding on Drug Control.
