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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****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, on 27 November 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. An introductory statement was made by the Secretary regarding 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, the requests contained in Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 56/10 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. Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Brunei Darussalam.
4. It was noted by most speakers that the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies were an important platform for law enforcement practitioners to exchange best practices and information on drug-related matters, to develop coordinated responses and to enhance regional cooperation. It was also noted that the scope of the issues dealt with by these meetings should not be expanded.

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5. It was noted that the established format of the meetings had not exhausted its potential and that the best way to strengthen the subsidiary bodies of the Commission was to ensure a more targeted discussion of the issues, which were directly related to its mandate, such as the continuing challenges posed by illicit drug cultivation, drug trafficking, trafficking in and diversion of precursors, new psychoactive substances, the use of the Internet in drug-related activities and other unresolved supply-related issues. It was also noted by one speaker that such topics, of interest to law enforcement, had not been fully covered during recent meetings and that different topics of the world drug problem should be addressed in relevant formats. The speaker also noted that, in light of the 2019 target date, it would be premature to discuss a possibility of any essential changes, including with regard to the mandate of the subsidiary bodies, as they would prejudice the results of the review.

6. Reference was made by another speaker to his Government's commitment to the work to be undertaken on the basis of the operational recommendations contained in the outcome document, which brought closer the shared vision of a drug-free society. The speaker noted that there existed other platforms, which allowed countries to share their experiences in implementing the outcome document, including the thematic discussions convened in the framework of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, such as the meetings convened between September and November 2017.

7. Some speakers acknowledged that there was no "one-size-fits-all" approach. One speaker referred to the importance of an integrated and tailored approach, which could be tailored to the specific context and requirements of each country and expressed the agreement of her Government to expand the scope of issues dealt with by the Meeting to include drug demand reduction, as recommended in the outcome document of the special session and the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

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