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

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Agenda item 10

Adoption of the report**Draft report***Rapporteur:* Lee Pin How (Singapore)**Addendum****Consideration of topics by working groups****(c) Effective measures for coordinating border management strategies**

1. The working group on the above topic met during the 5th and 6th meetings, held on 29 November 2017. In its consideration of the issue, the working group formulated the following observations, conclusions and recommendations.

2. The working group made the following observations:

(a) Effective border control requires cooperation between law enforcement and other relevant agencies at the national level, as well as enhanced cooperation not only at the bilateral but also at regional and international levels, to support exchange of information and criminal intelligence as well as coordination of multilateral operations (e.g. controlled deliveries);

(b) The development of international transportation networks indicates that borders are not limited to land borders only, but also include airports, seaports and a range of other “border”-type locations such as inland container dry ports and free trade zones;

(c) Various mechanisms such as the Border Liaison Offices initiative and Container Control Programme serve as effective platforms for cross-border, as well as regional and international cooperation;

(d) The development of risk indicators, the use of profiling methods as well as special investigative techniques and intelligence will help to mitigate the challenges arising from increasing volume of trade and related movement of goods within the international trade supply chain, for effective border control and facilitation of legal trade;

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(e) Cooperation with the private sector in addressing issues related to movement of goods, targeting, in particular, supply and potential diversion of chemicals, is of crucial importance.

3. The working group drew the following conclusions:

(a) There is a need for enhanced coordination and cooperation at national, regional and international levels in order to adequately respond to the increasing movement of goods within international trade supply chain, which is misused for drug trafficking and other illegal activities;

(b) To increase the effectiveness of border control, efforts are needed to link networks of the Border Liaison Offices with networks of CCP Port Control Units (PCUs);

(c) Existing mechanisms for regional and international cooperation, including functioning regional cooperation centres such as JPC, CARICC, GCC-CICCD and others, as well as the network of the police and drug liaison officers based in the countries of the region, should be better utilized;

(d) Increased support, including technical assistance, provision of equipment and training, should be provided by donor countries and relevant international organizations to “front-line” countries situated close to the major sources of cultivation and production of drugs.

4. The working group made the following recommendations:

(a) Governments are encouraged to consider linking networks of the BLOs and PCUs, as well as to make better use of the existing mechanisms for regional and international cooperation, including functioning regional cooperation centres such as Joint Planning Cell (JPC), Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre (CARICC), Gulf Cooperation Council — Criminal Intelligence Centre to Combat Drugs (GCC-CICCD) and others, as well as the network of police and drug liaison officers based in the countries of the region;

(b) Governments are encouraged to improve and strengthen cooperation at the national level between law enforcement and other relevant agencies involved in border control;

(c) Governments are encouraged to monitor more closely all types of movement of goods, not to be limited only to import, but also transit and export;

(d) In order to increase knowledge about goods, their supply chains and to ensure proper control measures, Governments are encouraged to actively promote cooperation between the law enforcement, other relevant agencies and the private sector;

(e) Governments are encouraged to strengthen the capacities of the relevant agencies in collecting, collating, analysing and sharing criminal intelligence, with a focus on the activities of the organized crime groups, including those involved in drug trafficking.
