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

Bangkok, 2–5 October 2018

Item 8 of the provisional agenda \*\*

**Organization of the Forty-third Meeting of Heads  
of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies,  
Asia and the Pacific****Organization of the Forty-third Meeting of Heads of  
National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and  
the Pacific****Note by the Secretariat**

1. Representatives whose Governments wish to act as host for the Forty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, or a subsequent meeting, are invited to inform the Forty-second Meeting accordingly. The information will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its sixty-second session, in 2019.
2. The draft provisional agenda for the Forty-third Meeting is annexed to the present document.
3. Item 4 of that draft provisional agenda is devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Forty-first Meeting. To facilitate reporting, Governments will receive a questionnaire concerning action they have taken to implement those recommendations. That questionnaire will be transmitted together with the invitation to the Forty-third Meeting.
4. At the fortieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the view was expressed that the recommendations adopted by the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission would remain meaningless if Governments did not take action, including, where necessary, the enactment of national legislation to implement those recommendations. States represented at the Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, are urged to implement such recommendations conscientiously and promptly so that an effective evaluation of their progress can be made.
5. It would be desirable for the Forty-second Meeting to identify the topics that would be most appropriate for consideration by working groups at the Forty-third Meeting. The Meeting may also wish to revisit topics that have already

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been discussed at previous meetings and that might benefit from further in-depth discussion or consideration from a particular perspective. Alternatively, the Meeting may wish to request the Secretariat to consult the participating States informally with a view to identifying topics for consideration by the working groups.

6. In its resolution 56/10, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs requested the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission to contribute to the monitoring of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem at the regional level.

7. In the same resolution, the Commission encouraged Member States to consider the expertise and composition of their delegations to the meetings of its subsidiary bodies, with a view to covering the various aspects of the world drug problem (demand, supply and international cooperation) in order to hold substantive discussions on the issue.

8. The General Assembly held a special session on the world drug problem from 19 to 21 April 2016 and adopted an outcome document entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”. The outcome document covers a broad range of operational recommendations, organized in seven thematic areas. Member States resolved to take the steps necessary to implement the operational recommendations, in close partnership with the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations and civil society, and to share with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control matters, timely information on progress made in the implementation of those recommendations. At the Forty-third Meeting, participants will have the opportunity to discuss national and regional issues pertaining to the world drug problem, drawing on the outcome of the special session.

9. In its resolution 60/1, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided to convene a ministerial segment during its sixty-second session, to be held in Vienna in 2019, to take stock of the implementation of the commitments made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in the light of the 2019 target date of the Political Declaration. At the Forty-third Meeting, participants will have the opportunity to discuss the follow-up to the ministerial segment to be held during the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

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## Annex

### **Draft provisional agenda for the Forty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific**

1. Election of officers.
  2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
  3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation in addressing and countering the world drug problem.
  4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Forty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
  5. Consideration of topics by working groups: [*to be determined*].
  6. Follow-up to the ministerial segment of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
  7. Organization of the Forty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
  8. Other business.
  9. Adoption of the report on the Forty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
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