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**Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and
Related Matters in the Near and Middle East****Fifty-second session**

Beirut, 13-17 November 2017

Draft report*Rapporteur:* Muhammad Basharat Tahir Malik (Pakistan)**Organization of the Meeting****A. Opening and duration of the Meeting**

1. The fifty-second session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East was held in Beirut from 13 to 17 November 2017. Khawla Mattar, Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCWA, made an opening statement. The Chairperson of the fifty-second session of the Subcommission, General Ghassan Chamseddine also addressed the meeting.

B. Attendance

2. The following States members of the Subcommission were represented: Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Turkey.
3. Italy was represented by an observer.
4. The Council of Arab Ministers of the Interior, the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances (CARICC) and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) were also represented.
5. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime served as the secretariat of the Meeting.

C. Election of officers

6. At its 1st meeting, on 13 November, the Subcommission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson: Ghassan Chamseddine (Lebanon)

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First Vice-Chairperson: Salim Bin Said Ali Al Hilali (Oman)

Second Vice-Chairperson: Baba Salayev (Azerbaijan)

Rapporteur: Muhammad Basharat Tahir Malik (Pakistan)

D. Adoption of the agenda

7. Also at its 1st meeting, the Subcommission adopted the following agenda:
 1. Election of officers.
 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
 3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation.
 4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Subcommission at its fiftieth session.
 5. Consideration of topics by working groups:
 - (a) Proactive, intelligence-led approach and capacity-building in the area of criminal intelligence collection, collation, analysis and sharing;
 - (b) Countering money-laundering, illicit financial flows and the use of the darknet and cryptocurrencies in relation to the drug trade;
 - (c) Effective border control;
 - (d) Prevention of drug use, focusing on children, youth, families and the education system.
 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 fifty-third session of the Subcommission.
 9. Other business.
 10. Adoption of the report of the Subcommission on its fifty-second session.
