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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)**Addendum****Organization of the fifty-third session of the Subcommission**

1. At its seventh meeting on 16 November 2017, the Subcommission considered agenda item 8 entitled “Organization of the fifty-third session of the Subcommission”.
2. For its consideration of item 8, the Subcommission had before it a draft provisional agenda for its fifty-third session ([UNODC/SUBCOM/52/5](#), annex). The Secretary made an introductory statement outlining action to be taken for the organization of that session.
3. The Subcommission was informed that the fifty-third session was scheduled to be held in November 2018. The Chair invited delegations of States interested in hosting the fifty-third session to contact the Secretariat in order to determine the venue as early as possible and thus facilitate preparations.
4. The Subcommission held a discussion on possible topics to be considered by the working groups at its fifty-third session, under item 5 of the draft provisional agenda. A number of topics were proposed, including: countering money-laundering, illicit financial flows and the use of the darknet and cryptocurrencies in relation to the drug trade; measures to eradicate illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of drugs; use of falsified currency by drug trafficking organizations; misuse of social media platforms for promoting drugs among youth; use of social media for preventing drug abuse; control of precursors; new psychoactive substances (NPS); connecting regional cooperation centers for the exchange of information; vocational training for the reintegration into society of rehabilitated drug abusers; and relapse prevention interventions.

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5. The Meeting took note of the proposals and requested the Secretariat to finalize the issues to be discussed by working groups prior to the fifty-second session. The Subcommission approved the following draft provisional agenda for its fifty-third session:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation.
4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Subcommission at its fifty-first session.
5. Consideration of topics by working groups: [*to be determined*].
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, taking into consideration also the ministerial segment of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
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-fourth session of the Subcommission.
9. Other business.
10. Adoption of the report of the Subcommission on its fifty-third session.

6. At the same meeting, the Subcommission considered agenda item 9, entitled “Other business”. Under this item, the Director of the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for combating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (CARICC) made a presentation on the activities of the Centre.

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