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**Thirteenth Meeting of Heads of National
Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe**

Lisbon, 2–5 July 2019

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**Organization of the Fourteenth Meeting of Heads of
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National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe****Note by the Secretariat**

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2005/28, entitled “Frequency of meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe”, invited the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to convene the Seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, in 2007 and thereafter to convene such meetings every two years under the auspices of the Office. Therefore, the Fourteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe will be held in 2021.
2. The draft provisional agenda for the Fourteenth Meeting is annexed to the present note.
3. Item 4 of the provisional agenda for the Fourteenth Meeting will be devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirteenth Meeting. A questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments to implement those recommendations will be sent with the invitations to the Fourteenth Meeting. A report summarizing the responses of Member States will be prepared in order to facilitate consideration of the implementation of those recommendations at the Fourteenth 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 be meaningless if Governments did not take action, including, where necessary, the enactment of domestic legislation, to implement those recommendations. States represented in the Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, are urged to promptly implement the recommendations so that an effective evaluation of progress can be made.
5. It would be highly desirable for the Fourteenth Meeting to identify the topics that would be most appropriate for consideration by working groups at the Fifteenth Meeting. The Meeting may also wish to revisit topics that have already been

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discussed at previous sessions, which may benefit from further in-depth discussion or consideration from a particular perspective. Alternatively, the Meeting may wish to decide to request the Secretariat to informally consult Member States of the region with a view to identifying topics for consideration by working groups.

6. At the opening of the ministerial segment of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in March 2019, Ministers and government representatives adopted by consensus the 2019 Ministerial Declaration on Strengthening Our Actions at the National, Regional and International Levels to Accelerate the Implementation of Our Joint Commitments to Address and Counter the World Drug Problem. In that Declaration, Member States made a commitment to accelerating, based on the principle of common and shared responsibility, the full implementation of the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action and the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, aimed at achieving all commitments, operational recommendations and aspirational goals set out therein.

7. Under agenda item 5, participants will be invited to discuss how they could best contribute, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to accelerating the implementation of all commitments made in the past decade, drawing on their technical expertise and regional experience.

8. The Fourteenth Meeting will also provide participants with an opportunity to discuss in general how the Commission's subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the practical implementation of joint commitments made, in line with the 2019 Ministerial Declaration, ensuring that the Commission is informed of regional and domestic concerns, developments and best practices by all stakeholders.

Annex

Draft provisional agenda for the Fourteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe

1. Election of officers.
 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
 3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation.
 4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Thirteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe.
 5. Follow-up on the implementation at the national, regional and international levels of all commitments, as reflected in the ministerial declaration of 2019, to address and counter the world drug problem.
 6. Consideration of topics by working groups.
 7. Organization of the Fifteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe.
 8. Other business.
 9. Adoption of the report of the Fourteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe.
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