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

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**Draft report***Rapporteur:* Stewe Alm (Sweden)**Consideration of topics by working groups****Issue (d): Ensuring holistic national responses through improved cooperation  
among domestic authorities, in particular, the law enforcement, health and  
justice sectors**

1. The working group held one meeting on 4 July. In its consideration of the topic under review, the working group made the following observations:

(a) Coordination among relevant national authorities, including the exchange of information and intelligence among the relevant partners, was essential for effective national drug policies;

(b) Countries in the region have set up different national coordination structures to ensure that actions are coordinated and executed in cooperation with the relevant partners;

(c) A clear understanding of the relevant mandates, and the division of roles and responsibilities, together with a commitment to coordination, was highlighted as essential in cooperation efforts among national entities in the design, implementation and evaluation of demand and supply reduction policies.

2. The working group drew up the following conclusions:

(a) The importance of close cooperation between all relevant national authorities, particularly in the law enforcement, health, education and justice sectors, to ensure an effective, balanced and comprehensive response to the drug problem, was underscored;

(b) Effective national strategy should ensure adequate resources for demand and supply reduction efforts, as well as measures to counter the activities of organized criminal groups involved in trafficking; and promote national and international cooperation in the investigation of drug-related offences;

(c) The importance of data collection, analysis and sharing of information and intelligence was highlighted to be essential for the development, implementation, as well as evaluation and monitoring of effective national drug demand and supply policies.



3. The working group adopted the following recommendations:

(a) Governments are encouraged to promote multisectoral collaboration in the development, implementation and evaluation of drug demand and supply reduction programmes and services, including through the establishment of national coordination mechanisms;

(b) Governments are encouraged to strengthen cooperation and effective coordination among national authorities, particularly in the health, education, social, justice and law enforcement sectors to ensure that the specific needs of affected individuals are appropriately met;

(c) Governments are encouraged to enhance effective coordination of investigations at the national and international levels, including through centralization of information and intelligence sharing;

(d) Governments are encouraged to regularly update the Directory of the Competent National Authorities, in line with the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.

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