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

Bangkok, 22–25 October 2019

Item 7 of the provisional agenda **

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

1. Representatives whose Governments wish to act as host for the Forty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, or a subsequent meeting, are invited to inform the Forty-third Meeting accordingly. The information will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its sixty-third session, in 2020.
2. The draft provisional agenda for the Forty-fourth 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-second Meeting. To facilitate reporting, Governments will receive a questionnaire concerning action they have taken to implement those recommendations.
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-third Meeting to identify the topics that would be most appropriate for consideration by working groups at the Forty-fourth Meeting. The Meeting may also wish to revisit topics that have already been discussed at previous meetings and that might benefit from further in-depth discussion or consideration from a

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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 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.

7. 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 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.

8. Under item 6 of the provisional agenda, 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.

9. The Meeting will also provide participants with an opportunity to discuss in general how the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 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 Forty-fourth 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-second 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 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.
 7. Organization of the Forty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
 8. Other business.
 9. Adoption of the report on the Forty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
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