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**Forty-third Meeting of Heads of  
National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies,  
Asia and the Pacific**  
Bangkok, 22–25 October 2019

**Draft report**

*Rapporteur:* Blair Macdonald (New Zealand)

**Organization of the Meeting**

**A. Opening and duration of the Meeting**

1. The Forty-third Meeting of HONLEA, Asia and the Pacific organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), was held in Bangkok from 22–25 October 2019. Welcome remarks were made by the Chair of the meeting. Opening statements were made by the Regional Representative of UNODC for South-East Asia and the Pacific on behalf of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, a Board Member of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Minister of Justice of Thailand.

**B. Attendance**

2. The following States were represented at the Forty-third Meeting of HONLEA, Asia and the Pacific: [...].
3. The following States were represented by observers: [...].
4. The [...] were represented by observers.

**C. Election of officers**

5. At its 1st meeting, on 22 October 2019, the Meeting elected the following officers by acclamation:

*Chair:* Earl P. Saavedra (Philippines)

*Vice-Chairs:* Mohammad-Masoud Zabetian (Islamic Republic of Iran)  
Saman Abeysinghe (Sri Lanka)

*Rapporteur:* Blair Macdonald (New Zealand)

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## **D. Adoption of the agenda**

6. At the same meeting, the Forty-third Meeting of HONLEA, Asia and the Pacific, adopted the following agenda:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Major regional drug trafficking trends and countermeasures.
4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Forty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
5. Consideration of topics by working groups:
  - (a) Regional and international cooperation to reduce illicit cultivation and production of drugs, including alternative development;
  - (b) New *modi operandi* in trafficking and trends in concealment methods and transport, and effective investigative techniques in response thereto;
  - (c) Countering money-laundering, illicit financial flows and the use of the darknet and cryptocurrencies in relation to the drug trade;
  - (d) Alternatives to conviction or punishment for drug-related offences and enhanced cooperation between the health, social and criminal justice sectors.
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-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report.

## **E. Documentation**

7. The documents before the Forty-third Meeting of HONLEA, Asia and the Pacific, are listed in the annex.

## Annex

### List of documents before the Forty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific

<i>Document number</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<a href="#">UNODC/HONLAP/43/1</a>	2	Provisional agenda, annotations
<a href="#">UNODC/HONLAP/43/2</a>	3	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking
<a href="#">E/CN.7/2019/5</a>	3	Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking
<a href="#">UNODC/HONLAP/43/3</a>	3	Report of the Secretariat on regional and subregional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific
<a href="#">UNODC/HONLAP/43/4</a>	4	Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Forty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific
<a href="#">UNODC/HONLAP/43/5</a>	7	Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the Forty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific
UNODC/HONLAP/43/L.1 and Add.1-[...]	9	Draft report
UNODC/HONLAP/43/CRP.1	7	Standard letter of agreement and conference requirements for hosting a meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, Asia and the Pacific
UNODC/HONLAP/43/CRP.2-[...]	3	Country reports