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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)**Addendum****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**

1. At its 1st meeting on 22 October 2019, the Meeting considered agenda item 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”.
2. For its consideration of the item, the meeting had before it the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem; the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”; as well as 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.
3. The Secretary of the meeting made a presentation to introduce the agenda item, informing participants of the outcome of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held in Vienna from 14 to 22 March 2019, and in particular its ministerial segment, held on 14 and 15 March 2019. The Secretary provided information on the content of the Ministerial Declaration, adopted at the ministerial segment.

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4. The Meeting was further informed about the multi-year workplan for the period 2019–2023, adopted by the Commission at its fourth intersessional meeting, on 24 June 2019, as a follow-up to the Ministerial Declaration, with a view to accelerating the implementation of all international drug policy commitments through the organization of thematic discussions aimed at fostering a dialogue and exchanging good practices, challenges and lessons learned.
5. Participants were encouraged to join the thematic discussions to bring their operational perspectives to the Commission and to exchange views with practitioners and experts from all over the world on how the implementation of all international drug policy commitments could be accelerated, addressing the challenges identified in the Ministerial Declaration, among others.
6. During the discussion of the item, the representatives of Thailand, Bangladesh, China, Pakistan, Singapore and Iran (Islamic Republic of) made statements.
7. Several speakers reaffirmed the commitment of their Governments to address and counter the world drug problem, and to fully implement the Ministerial Declaration of 2019, as well as all commitments made in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action, the 2014 Joint Ministerial Statement and the outcome document of the 2016 General Assembly special session on drugs. It was noted that the three documents were complementary and mutually reinforcing.
8. It was mentioned that implementation efforts needed to protect the rights of vulnerable populations, while at the same time taking into account the rights of all families and community structures.
9. Some speakers highlighted the strong commitment of their Governments to address the world drug problem in a comprehensive and balanced manner, including through law enforcement and health-related responses, and in full compliance with the international drug control conventions.
10. Several speakers highlighted that cooperation and coordination among countries was crucial in addressing the world drug problem, as both drug abuse and drug trafficking required multilateral responses.
11. Some delegations invited the international community to dedicate more attention to the challenging situation in the golden triangle.
12. Some speakers provided information on their countries' efforts to implement the Ministerial Declaration and to address the challenges noted therein, providing concrete examples of law enforcement assistance and international inter-agency cooperation.