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**Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic
and Related Matters in the Near and
Middle East****Fifty-fourth session**

Tashkent, 23–27 September 2019

Draft report*Rapporteur:* Tlegen Matkenov (Kazakhstan)**Organization of the Meeting****A. Opening and duration of the Meeting**

1. The fifty-fourth session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East was held in Tashkent from 23 to 27 September 2019. The inaugural ceremony was held on 23 September and was addressed by the Deputy Prime Minister, Aziz Abdukhakimov, the Director of the National Information Analytical Center for Drug Control under the Cabinet of Ministers, Olim Narzullayev, and the Representative of the Executive Director and Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Office for Central Asia, Ashita Mittal.

B. Attendance

2. The following States members of the Subcommission were represented: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Yemen.

3. Armenia, Germany, Italy, the Russian Federation, the State of Palestine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America were represented by observers.

4. The Council of Arab Ministers of the Interior, the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances (CARICC), the GCC Criminal Information Center to Combat Drugs and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) were also represented.

* Available only in Arabic, English, and Russian, which are the working languages of the subsidiary body.



5. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime served as the secretariat of the Meeting.

C. Election of officers

6. At its 1st meeting, on 23 September 2019, the Subcommittee elected the following officers by acclamation:

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Azizbek Erkabayev (Uzbekistan)
<i>First Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Timur Isakov (Kyrgyzstan)
<i>Second Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Abdulwahab Benseqaih (Saudi Arabia)
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Tlegen Matkenov (Kazakhstan)

D. Adoption of the agenda

7. Also at its 1st meeting, the Subcommittee adopted the following agenda:
1. Election of officers.
 2. Adoption of the agenda.
 3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation.
 4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Subcommittee at its fifty-second session.
 5. Consideration of topics by working groups:
 - (a) Importance of exchange of actionable intelligence and the role of regional cooperation platforms in facilitating that exchange;
 - (b) Trafficking in synthetic opioids and synthetic cannabinoids and measures to counter such trafficking;
 - (c) Record levels of opiate production and related challenges;
 - (d) Practical measures tailored to the specific needs of children and youth to prevent and treat drug abuse among them.
 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 fifty-fifth session of the Subcommittee.
 8. Other business.
 9. Adoption of the report of the Subcommittee on its fifty-fourth session.
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