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### Draft report

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#### Addendum

### Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission

1. At its 9th meeting, on 5 March 2020, the Commission considered agenda item 8, entitled “Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission”.
2. For its consideration of item 8, the Commission had before it the report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs ([E/CN.7/2020/9](#)).
3. Introductory statements were made by the Chief of the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies of UNODC and the Chief of the Implementation Support Section of the Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch of UNODC.
4. Statements were made by the representatives of China and the United States of America.
5. The observers for Mauritius, Portugal, the Republic of Korea and Senegal also made statements.

### Deliberations

6. The observer for Mauritius addressed the Commission on the outcome of the Twenty-ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, which he had chaired in Balaclava in September 2019. Participants in the Meeting had discussed drug trafficking by sea, illicit financial flows and the use of the darknet and cryptocurrencies in relation to the drug trade. Participants had also considered the specific needs of children and youth in contact with the justice system for drug-related offences, which was of particular relevance to the African continent, given the high percentage of young people there.
7. The observer for Portugal addressed the Commission on the outcome of the Thirteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, hosted by the Government of Portugal in Lisbon in July 2019. He highlighted that the meeting had been an important opportunity to discuss the main trends and challenges concerning drug trafficking and effective measures to address it, as well as



international cooperation and technical assistance in that regard. Participants had discussed ways to strengthen cooperation to address the multifaceted and dynamic nature of the world drug problem by ensuring holistic national responses through improved cooperation among domestic authorities, in particular the law enforcement, health and justice sectors.

8. Referring to the Forty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, the observer for the Republic of Korea expressed appreciation for the consideration during the Meeting of challenges relating to the use of the darknet to trade drugs and cryptocurrencies for money-laundering. She informed participants of the interest of the Government of the Republic of Korea in hosting the Forty-fourth Meeting.

9. Several speakers highlighted the key role played by the subsidiary bodies in accelerating the implementation of all international drug policy commitments, in line with the 2019 Ministerial Declaration, referring in particular to the contributions and concrete recommendations made by the experts attending the meetings of the subsidiary bodies, which were of value to the States in the respective region, as well as to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

10. Some speakers welcomed the holistic approach of the subsidiary bodies, involving the law enforcement, justice and health sectors. One speaker noted that the subsidiary bodies should focus on the enhancement of cooperation among national law enforcement agencies.

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