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Thirty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean

Quito, 3–6 October 2023

Item 7 of the provisional agenda**

Organization of the Thirty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean**Organization of the Thirty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean****Note by the Secretariat**

1. Representatives whose Governments wish to act as host for the Thirty-second or a subsequent meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, are invited to inform the Meeting accordingly. That information will be brought to the attention of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its sixty-seventh session, in 2024.
2. The draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-second Meeting is annexed to the present note.
3. Item 4 of the draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-second Meeting will be devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Thirty-first Meeting. A questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments to implement those recommendations will be sent together with the invitation to attend the Thirty-second Meeting. Responses provided by Member States will be made available online on the secure web page of the Meeting, in order to facilitate consideration of the implementation of those recommendations at the Thirty-second Meeting. A transmittal note will be prepared to bring the responses to the attention of meeting participants.
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 be meaningless if Governments did not take action, including, where necessary, the enactment of domestic legislation, to implement those recommendations. States represented at the Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, are urged to promptly

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implement the recommendations so that an effective evaluation of progress can be made.

5. 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 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 of 2009 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.

6. In the Ministerial Declaration of 2019, Member States resolved to review in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 2029 the progress made in the implementation of all international drug policy commitments, with a midterm review in 2024. In preparation for the midterm review in 2024, and in line with its workplan for the period 2019–2023, the Commission will, in 2023, hold thematic discussions in order to take comprehensive stock of the progress made in implementing all international drug policy commitments.

7. At its sixty-sixth session, in March 2023, the Commission adopted resolution 66/1, on the preparations for the midterm review in 2024. In its resolution, the Commission decided to convene a two-day high-level segment, in addition to the five regular days of the sixty-seventh session, in March 2024, consisting of (a) a general debate and (b) two multi-stakeholder round-table discussions on the following topics: “Taking stock: work undertaken since 2019” and “The way forward: the road to 2029”.

8. Under agenda item 5, participants will be invited to discuss how they could best contribute, at the regional level and through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to accelerating the implementation of all existing drug policy commitments by 2029.

9. It would be desirable for the Thirty-first Meeting to identify the topics that would be most appropriate for consideration by working groups at the Thirty-second Meeting. The Meeting may also wish to revisit topics that have already been discussed at previous sessions and that may benefit from further in-depth discussion or consideration from a 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.

10. The Thirty-second Meeting will also provide participants with an opportunity to discuss in general how the subsidiary bodies of the Commission could better contribute to the practical implementation of joint commitments made, in line with the Ministerial Declaration of 2019, thereby ensuring that the Commission is informed of regional and domestic concerns, developments and best practices by all stakeholders.

Annex**Draft provisional agenda for the Thirty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean**

1. Election of officers.
 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
 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 Thirty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean.
 5. Follow-up to 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.
 6. Consideration of topics by working groups [*to be determined*].
 7. Organization of the Thirty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean.
 8. Other business.
 9. Adoption of the report of the Thirty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean.
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