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#### Addendum

### Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission

1. At its 9th and 10th meetings, on 15 and 16 April 2021, 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 ([E/CN.7/2021/7](#)).
3. An introductory statement was made by the Chief of the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies of UNODC.
4. Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand (pre-recorded video), the United States (online), [and Kenya (online), and the observer for the Republic of Korea (online).]
5. The observer for [Association nationale Al Hidn (online)] also made a statement.

### Deliberations

6. Speakers expressed appreciation for the work of the Commission’s subsidiary bodies and highlighted their role in the promotion of regional and international cooperation. Several speakers underlined the key role played by the subsidiary bodies in accelerating the implementation of all international drug policy commitments, in line with the Ministerial Declaration of 2019, and welcomed their reports to the Commission that provided information on key regional challenges, as well as concrete recommendations.
7. Appreciation was expressed for the holding of an extraordinary session of the subsidiary bodies in October 2020, which had enabled the real-time exchange of information on current trends and challenges, in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic. While underscoring the importance of conducting the meetings in person, one speaker encouraged the Commission to consider holding future meetings of the subsidiary



bodies with a complementary online component to ensure the participation of experts who may not be able to travel.

8. A number of speakers highlighted issues discussed during the extraordinary session on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including shifts in trafficking routes from air to sea, trafficking via postal services, the use of the darknet and investigations of cyber-related offences. Further issues highlighted in that regard included the need to strengthen forensic laboratory capacity, judicial cooperation, the sharing of intelligence and information, and the capacity for the detection of new psychoactive substances.

9. Some speakers reported on the efforts of national law enforcement authorities to adapt to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, including through the use of technology and online platforms for law enforcement activities, and also referred to the importance of regional and international cooperation.

10. [*To be continued*]

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