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Addendum

Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission

1. At its 8th meeting, on 16 March 2023, 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.7/2023/7](#)).
3. An introductory statement was made by a representative of the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies of UNODC.
4. Statements were made by the representatives of Turkmenistan, Kenya, Pakistan, the United States, China, Thailand, the Republic of Korea, South Africa and Nigeria.
5. Statements were also made by the observers for Guatemala, Malta, Albania, Namibia and India.

Deliberations

6. Many speakers welcomed the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission held in 2022 and their conduct in person and in the regions, after two years of being held as special extraordinary sessions in an online format. Many speakers expressed appreciation for the work of the subsidiary bodies and underlined their role in the real-time exchange of information, good practices and lessons learned at the regional and international level. They informed of the broad participation in the meetings of the subsidiary bodies in their respective regions and on activities undertaken during the sessions. A number of speakers underlined the importance of identifying regional trends and addressing from a regional perspective the challenges identified in the 2019 Ministerial Declaration.
7. A number of speakers highlighted selected recommendations made by the working groups held during the meetings of the respective subsidiary bodies, namely on trends in drug trafficking and concealment methods, and in intelligence-led



international cooperation; synthetic drug production and trafficking, including the safe handling and disposal of synthetic drugs and their precursors; alternatives to conviction or punishment for drug-related offences; and the exchange of actionable intelligence and the role of regional cooperation platforms in facilitating such exchange. Some speakers referred to specific recommendations on new psychoactive substances, money-laundering investigations and the disruption of illicit financial flows, safe handling and disposal of synthetic drugs, law enforcement cooperation and alternatives to imprisonment. Some speakers also noted with appreciation the support received by relevant UNODC programmes in their respective countries and regions.

8. The observer for Albania expressed the commitment of the Government of Albania to host the next Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, and the representative of Nigeria expressed the commitment of the Government of Nigeria to host the next Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, both in 2023.
