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The Senior Officials Meeting on the Operation

Golden Triangle 1511 on 5 July 2021

Thailand by Office of the Narcotics Control Board hosted the online Senior Officials Meeting on the Operation Golden Triangle 1511 on 5 July 2021 at the ONCB, Bangkok with the objective to share views and mobilize more intensive cooperation among six countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-region for the interception of illicit drug production and trafficking in the Golden Triangle area. The meeting was attended by heads of national drug control agency of six member countries of the Safe Mekong Operation Plan, namely Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam.



The meeting was opened by H.E. Mr. Somsak Thepsutin, Minister of Justice. In his opening address, he expressed thanks to the six member countries for the joint efforts in implementing the Safe Mekong Operation initiated by China in 2013 and was expanded to cover all countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-region. The Operation Golden Triangle 1511 was proposed by Thailand in November 2019 during the Ministerial Meeting of the 1993 MOU on Drug Control in Mekong Sub-region. During two years of the Operation was successfully in reducing illicit drug supply. He encouraged the member countries to tie the cooperation on drug law enforcement operation to intercept illicit drugs as well as to seek the cooperation from countries in the region and outside the region. Moreover, the cooperation in investigation



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should be expanded to destroy major drug syndicates and forfeit their assets, to share more intelligence including to arrest the drug fugitives.



UNODC was invited to share information on illicit drug situation in the Greater Mekong Sub-region before starting the meeting. The meeting discussed the future cooperation of six member countries and agreed to intensify the cooperation in tackling the illicit drug trafficking from the Golden Triangle as well as to intercept illicit drug smuggling in to the Golden Triangle area. The meeting agreed to

- 1) intensify the interception of precursor chemicals in Greater Mekong Sub-region.
- 2) enhance the cooperation for the joint investigation toward transnational drug syndicates.
- 3) enhance the sharing of information/intelligence as well as to improve database for mutual benefit of member countries.
- 4) strengthen coordinating mechanism in Greater Mekong Sub-region, SMCC and BLO.



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Moreover, countries that are found to be destination of illicit drugs from the Golden Triangle, namely Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and USA were invited to have the consultation meeting with Thailand.

The implementation of the Safe Mekong Operation and the Operation Golden Triangle 1511 will be the compliments to the ASEAN Work Plan to Tackle Illicit Drug Production and Trafficking in the Golden Triangle.