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Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 28 July 2011, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2009/251 of 30 July 2009, entitled “Frequency and duration of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, in which it had decided that, starting in 2010, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice would hold reconvened sessions on an annual basis in the second half of the year, in order to be able, pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13 of 20 March 2009¹ and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3 of 24 April 2009,² to consider, inter alia, the reports of and recommendations proposed by the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime:

(a) Expressed its awareness of the importance of the role of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in assisting the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in effectively addressing financial and governance issues relevant to the work of both Commissions;

(b) Reaffirmed the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal policymaking organ of the United Nations on matters of international drug control and as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as the governing body of the United Nations on matters of crime prevention and criminal justice and as the governing body of the crime programme of the Office;

(c) Expressed its concern about the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and its awareness of the urgent need to address those issues in a pragmatic, results-oriented, efficient and cooperative manner;

(d) Reaffirmed Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13 of 20 March 2009¹ and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3 of 24 April 2009² and decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime until the part of the sessions of

¹ *Ibid.*, 2009, *Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.

² *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 10* (E/2009/30), chap. I, sect. D.

the Commissions to be held in the first half of 2013, at which time the Commissions would carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate;

(e) Decided that the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime would hold at least two formal meetings, one in the first quarter of 2012 and one in the first quarter of 2013, in advance of the part of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in the first half of those years, and that the dates of those and possible additional informal meetings would be determined by the co-chairs of the working group in consultation with the Secretariat;

(f) Requested that the relevant documentation be provided to the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in a timely manner and approved the provisional agenda of the working group as set out below:

Provisional agenda of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

1. Consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
2. Governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
3. Evaluation and oversight.
4. Other matters.