

Proposed revised organizational arrangements¹ (24 November 2021)

Thematic Discussion and Reconvened Session 8-10 December 2021

A. Background

The thematic discussion and reconvened session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is scheduled for 8-10 December 2021.

On 8 December 2021, the Commission will hold its annual thematic discussion, which was this year postponed from the regular session. The substantive topic remains the same (*Effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children*), and regional groups were asked to confirm their existing panelists by 1 November 2021 or nominate new ones.

On 9 December, the joint meetings with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will take place for the purpose of considering agenda item 4 entitled “*Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions*”, included in the operational segment of both Commissions. It is further proposed that agenda item 10 “*Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 72/305, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*”, which is included in the proposed organization of work as contained in E/CN.15/2021/1/Add.1 on 10 December 2021, be also considered jointly between the Commissions on 9 December to allow for sufficient time for decision making on 10 December (2 hour meetings only).

On 10 December 2021 in the afternoon, the Commission will hold one separate meeting, where the adoption of the budget is foreseen under agenda item 4, followed by agenda item 9 “*Follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice*”, and agenda item 11 “*Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session of the Commission*”.

Following the closure of the 30th session on 10 December 2021, the 31st session will be opened to elect the Bureau for that session.

The present proposed arrangements for the 30th thematic discussion and reconvened session will be shared with the Extended Bureau and subsequently with the membership for consideration and agreement by silence procedure.

¹ Subject to the developments of the global pandemic situation, the arrangements may have to be further revised.

B. Organization

a. Format

The sessions will be conducted in a hybrid format, in the plenary room in the M-Building of the Vienna International Centre and online on the RSI platform *Interprefy* with simultaneous interpretation into the official languages.

All in-person participants in the meeting room are required to keep a distance of 2 meters to others, wear an FFP2 mask at all times except when taking the floor and adhere to other relevant access requirements as contained in the COVID guidelines for participants that will be published on the webpage of the meeting². Due to COVID-requirements the number of seats in the room is limited and as such only a limited number of in-person participants can join.

b. Participation

In line with the Rules of Procedure of the Functional Commissions of ECOSOC, Member States, as well as representatives of IGOs and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC can participate in the reconvened session.

In order to allow for broad participation, complementary to the possibility to participate online, all the meetings of the reconvened session will be webcast.

Delegations can register up to 10 participants, with the possibility for Members of the Commissions to come in-person, and all others to join online. Only States Members of the Commission can participate in-person, all others can join Online. Only one delegate per State Member of the Commission can participate in person in the meeting room at a given time. All others are requested to participate online.

8 December (Thematic Discussion)

States Members of the CCPCJ will be reserved one seat in the plenary room for their delegations.

All other delegations (Member States, IGOs, PNIs) can participate online. .

The thematic discussion will also be webcast on the Commission website.

9 December (joint meeting with CND)

States Members of the CCPCJ and the CND will be reserved one seat in the plenary room for their delegations. All other delegations can join online.

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/session/30Reconvened_Session_2021/covid-19.html

All registered participants will receive a link to the online meeting (delegates receive a link that enables them to request the floor).

10 December (separate CCPCJ meeting afternoon)

States Members of the CCPCJ will be reserved one seat in the plenary room for their delegations.

All other delegations (Member States, IGOs, PNIs) can participate online.

All registered participants will receive a link to the online meeting (delegates receive a link that enables them to request the floor).

c. Meeting Times

As the consecutive working time of interpreters using a virtual platform is two hours only, the meeting times will be held from 11am to 1pm and from 3pm to 5pm (CET/Vienna time).

d. Statements

With a view to keeping the session within the available timeframe, statements of Member States and other stakeholders should be limited to three minutes.

In line with past practice, statements shared with the Secretariat (unodc-sgb@un.org), including longer versions, will be uploaded on the website of the Commission.

IGOs and NGOs (coordinated by the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice) may make statements during the reconvened session, time permitting.

Delegations intending to deliver a statement under a particular agenda item, may inform the Secretariat as of 26 November 2021, by indicating the agenda item as well as the representative who will deliver the statement. Member States will be accommodated on a “first come, first serve” basis.

e. Registration

Participants may register through the registration system “Indico” (the link will be posted on the Commission website 4 weeks before the session) uploading note verbale and registration form. The Secretariat can be contacted at unodc-sgb@un.org in case of questions.

f. Documentation

Pre-session documentation is only issued electronically. In-person participants who wish to use printed versions of the pre-session documents are requested to bring their own copies. In-session documentation (the parts of the report for adoption) will be made available in paper form to delegates who are physically present. In addition, it will be made available electronically on the dedicated website and in the Official Documentation System (ODS), and the link provided in the interpretation platform during the meeting.

g. Adoption of resolutions/decisions/the report of the meeting

Given that all Commission members will have the possibility of attending the session in person and in addition have the possibility to be represented virtually with the ability to deliver statements, resolutions and decisions, as well as the report on the meeting will be adopted in-session. In accordance with past practice, those parts of the report that reflect the last day of the session will be compiled and finalized by the Chair with the assistance of the Rapporteur.