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Agenda item 9

Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016**Special segment: proposals by the Chair of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs relating to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 for consideration by the Commission**

1. The present conference room paper is a revised version of the non-paper submitted by the Chair for consideration by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its intersessional meeting of 4 September 2014 and contains amended proposals for consideration by the Commission.
2. The present revised version reflects the comments received since the submission of the non-paper, including comments made by delegations during the intersessional meeting of the Commission held on 23 October 2014, during informal discussions and brainstorming meetings with regional groups and in contributions received from Member States, organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and civil society organizations.
3. As explained in the non-paper, the proposed approach follows the scope defined in paragraphs 44 and 45 of General Assembly resolution 67/193, by which the Assembly decided to convene, in early 2016, a special session on the world drug problem, and also decided that the special session would review the progress in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World

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Drug Problem, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments. The proposed approach also reflects a call made during the panel discussion on substantive issues for the special session, held on 18 March during the regular part of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission that the Joint Ministerial Statement adopted at the closure of the high-level review of the Commission at that session should be used as a common starting point in preparing for the special session in 2016 (E/2014/28, para. 93). In paragraph 10 of the Joint Ministerial Statement, it is recognized that many challenges of the world drug problem have persisted and new ones have emerged in some parts of the world and the need to take these new trends into account in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action is underscored. During the panel discussion, a call was made to take a practical approach, strengthening the operational and global implementation of existing policy documents, making full use of available tools and sharing evidence and expertise that existed at the national and regional levels, while also taking into account current realities (*ibid.*, paras. 95 and 98).

4. As already stressed in the non-paper, the proposed approach aims to encourage and promote the active involvement of all stakeholders, including all Member States, all relevant organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, relevant international and regional organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, the scientific community and youth, both in the preparatory work undertaken by the Commission and in the special session itself.

5. The proposed approach aims to facilitate implementation of paragraph 10 of the resolution entitled “Special Session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”, approved by the Third Committee on 16 October 2014 and submitted for final adoption by the plenary of the General Assembly, by which the Assembly would recognize that the special session on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 constitutes an opportunity for a high-level and wide-ranging discussion among Member States leading up to the target date of 2019, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant international instruments, in order to further implement the commitments and targets set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

6. It is proposed that the special session be held over a period of three days, consisting of a high-level general debate and four high-level workshops. The general debate would enable high-level speakers to inform the session about policies, national and regional achievements, challenges, realities and needs, as well as cooperative transnational and international actions and initiatives.

7. The proposed operational approach, based on existing policy documents, aims to facilitate an in-depth discussion on experiences gained and lessons learned at the national, regional and international levels on what works and what does not. The proposed approach aims, at the same time, to facilitate a forward-looking, practical outcome by tasking the Commission to formulate action-oriented recommendations on the way forward and by envisaging that salient issues raised during the high-level workshops are reflected in summaries to be presented by the Chair to the plenary.

Annex I

Proposed draft provisional agenda for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

1. Opening of the special session.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the special session:
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Elections.
5. Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its preparatory work.
6. Organization of the session and adoption of the agenda.
7. High-level opening statements.¹
8. High-level general debate on the theme “Assessing achievements and challenges in addressing the world drug problem at the national, regional and global levels: towards strengthening the operational implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem”.²
9. High-level workshops (*to take place in a Committee of the Whole in parallel to the Plenary*):
 - (a) Demand reduction and related issues: drugs and health (workshop 1)
Part 1: prevention, treatment; HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care
Part 2: availability of controlled substances for medical purposes
 - (b) Supply reduction and related measures and countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation: drugs and crime (workshop 2)
Part 1: domestic, regional and cross-regional responses to drug-related crime, including judicial cooperation in criminal matters
Part 2: addressing new challenges and emerging issues, including new psychoactive substances, precursors and cybercrime

¹ It is proposed that the high-level opening include statements by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as statements by a representative of the scientific community, a representative of youth and a representative of non-governmental organizations.

² High-level speakers could include representatives of Member States, heads of United Nations entities and specialized organizations, heads of other international and regional organizations and high-level representatives of non-governmental organizations. Modalities would need to be further defined.

- (c) Cross-cutting issues: drugs and human rights, and youth, women, children and communities (workshop 3)
 - Part 1: addressing drug-related issues in full conformity with the purposes and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
 - Part 2: drugs, youth, women, children and communities
 - (d) Drugs, sustainable development and international cooperation (workshop 4).
 - Part 1: drugs, addressing socioeconomic issues and fostering sustainable development, including alternative development
 - Part 2: strengthening the principle of common and shared responsibility and enhancing international cooperation, including technical assistance, in follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly in 2016
10. Conclusions and outcome of the special session (*adoption of action-oriented recommendations prepared by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and presentation of the summaries of the salient points discussed during the workshops*).
 11. Closure of the special session.

Annex II

Draft proposed programme of work for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
Day 1		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Opening of the special session Opening statements General debate	
3 a.m.-6 p.m.	General debate (<i>continued</i>)	High-level workshop 1
Day 2		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	General debate (<i>continued</i>)	High-level workshop 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	General debate (<i>continued</i>)	High-level workshop 3
Day 3		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	General debate (<i>continued</i>)	High-level workshop 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	General debate (<i>continued</i>) Conclusions and outcome of the special session Closure of the special session	

Note: Efforts will be made, in close consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to make the necessary provisions to provide high-level speakers wishing to speak during the general debate with a speaking slot.