

Resolution 61/10

Preparations for the ministerial segment to be held during the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in 2019

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Reaffirming its resolution 60/1, entitled “Preparations for the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 2019”, in its entirety,

1. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the ministerial segment to be held during its sixty-second session, in the light of the 2019 target date, will be as follows:

(a) The ministerial segment shall include a general debate;

(b) Following the format of the general debates conducted during the high-level segments of the fifty-second session of the Commission, in 2009, and the fifty-seventh session, in 2014, the meetings of the general debate will be open to all States Members of the United Nations. The seating arrangements will follow the protocol used by the General Assembly. After the introductory statements by the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the President of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the floor will be given to the high-level representatives of the Member States chairing the regional groups, followed by statements by high-level representatives of Member States speaking in their national capacity. Heads of entities of the United Nations, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, may make statements in the general debate. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will participate in accordance with articles 74 and 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) The ministerial segment shall further include two interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables, to be conducted in parallel with the general debate in the plenary:

(i) All States Members of the United Nations, observer States and observers, including relevant international organizations with observer status and entities of the United Nations system, and representatives of non-governmental organizations, representatives of civil society and the scientific community, academia, youth groups and other relevant stakeholders participating in the ministerial segment, are to be invited to participate in the interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables;

(ii) The interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables shall be co-chaired by two representatives, of two different regional groups, each to be nominated by the respective regional group;

(iii) Each round table shall consist of a panel composed of five panellists to be nominated by the regional groups, and one panellist to be nominated by the civil society task force. In addition, the panel could include up to two speakers from entities of the United Nations system. The final list of the panellists and other speakers will be drawn

up by the Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in consultation with the extended Bureau of the Commission;

(iv) The interventions by the panellists shall be followed by an interactive discussion, and, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible, interventions by the panellists shall be limited to a maximum of five minutes, and interventions from the floor shall be limited to a maximum of three minutes;

(d) A summary by the Chair of the general debate, in addition to a summary of the salient points raised during the round tables to be prepared by the co-chairs of those round tables, will be presented at the plenary;

2. *Encourages* all Member States, observer States and observers to consider being represented at the highest possible level at the ministerial segment;

3. *Encourages* all Member States and relevant entities of the United Nations system to actively participate in the discussions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in preparation for the 2019 ministerial segment in order to foster an in-depth exchange of information and expertise on efforts, achievements, challenges and best practices to address and counter the world drug problem;

4. *Resolves* that an outline for the way beyond 2019 will be presented by the Chair to the Commission at its reconvened sixty-first session for further consideration, including at its intersessional meetings prior to the sixty-second session, in the light of the preparations for the ministerial segment.