

*Commission on Narcotic Drugs
at its sixty-fifth session*

Organizational arrangements – Reconvened Session

8-9 December 2022

A. Background

The reconvened sixty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is scheduled for 8-9 December 2022. The provisional annotated agenda will be published on the [website](#) of the Commission following the present arrangements.

The present proposed organizational arrangements were drafted taking into consideration the regulations of the host country, Austria, and the guidelines of the Vienna International Centre (VIC).

Based on the developments of the global health situation and on changes to the regulations by the host country, Austria, the following arrangements are proposed.

B. Organization

Format

The session will be conducted in a hybrid format, in Board Room C of the Vienna International Centre.

In line with the COVID-19 regulations and recommendations of the host country and host city, to which the VIC adheres, in-person participation may be limited. Delegations are encouraged to regularly check for updates on the website of the reconvened sixty-fifth session in the sections pertaining to COVID-19 related measures and registration: [Link](#)

Meeting times will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For speakers who participate in person, interpretation into the six official languages will be available. For speakers who participate online, **interpretation into the six official languages will be available for a total duration of up to 30 minutes during each 3-hour meeting**, in line with the guidance on remote interpretation arrangements received from the United Nations Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. If more speakers ask for the floor to participate online after the 30 minutes are exhausted, those speakers will be given the floor during the next meeting.

Online access

The meetings will be held on an online conference platform. All registered participants will receive an access link to the online conference platform in due course.

In addition, all plenary meetings will be publicly webcast in all languages – all those who do not need to speak can follow the proceedings there.

Registration

Participants will register for the session online. The link to the registration system will be posted on the Commission website. Participants will be asked to register through the registration system “Indico”, where they will be asked to upload a note verbale containing the nomination of their delegations. The registration link to register will be made available in due course on the website of the Commission.

Statements

Statements by Member States and other stakeholders are **limited to three minutes**. Statements by regional groups are limited to **five minutes**.

Statements shared with the Secretariat (unodc-sgb@un.org), including longer versions, will be uploaded on the website of the Commission. To facilitate the work of the interpreters, delegations are encouraged to share statements in advance with unov.conference@un.org.

IGOs and NGOs (coordinated by the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs) may make statements during the session, time permitting, in accordance with the rules of procedure.

Instead of delivering a statement “live”, Member States, UN Entities, IGOs and NGOs may submit pre-recorded video statements. The statements have to **comply with the time limitation mentioned above and technical requirements**. The videos need to be transmitted to unov-conference.statements@un.org **by 30 November 2022**. For the technical requirements, please consult the guide on video statements published on the website of the Commissions¹.

Adoption of resolutions/decisions/report of the meeting

Given that Member States will have the possibility of physically attending the session, resolutions and decisions, as well as the report on its 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.

¹ Access on [220128-Audio-video requirements for pre-recorded statements.pdf \(unodc.org\)](#)