

Organizational arrangements – Reconvened 66th Session

7/8 December 2023

A. Background

The sixty-sixth reconvened session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is scheduled for 7-8 December 2023. The provisional annotated agenda is available on the website of the Commission:

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/session/66Reconvened_Session_2023/Main.html

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

B. Organization

Format

The session will be conducted in a hybrid format, at the Vienna International Centre (C Building) and online.

Meeting times will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Vienna time.

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 meetings can be accessed there. Registered participants will receive an access link to the online conference platform in due course.

Registration

Registration for the session is administered through the registration system “Indico”. Designated focal points from the permanent missions can register their delegation online by

uploading a note verbale containing the nomination of their delegations. The link to the registration system is available on the Commission website.

List of Speakers

Inscription in the list of speakers for the agenda items is administered on the online system “eDelegate”. Designated focal points from the permanent missions can register their delegation online. The link to the list of speakers system is available on the Commission website.

Statements

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

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.

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

Instead of delivering a statement “live”, Member States, UN Entities, IGOs and NGOs may submit pre-recorded video statements, in compliance with the time limitation and technical requirements. The videos must be transmitted to unov.conference@un.org in advance. For the technical requirements, please consult the guide on video statements published on the website of the Commissions: <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/Secretariat/online.html>

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 person. In case there would be any voting, this would also only be possible in person.