

## CND Newsletter *January - June 2020*

### CND holds its 63<sup>rd</sup> session

The [63<sup>rd</sup> session](#) of the [Commission on Narcotic Drugs](#), held from 2 to 6 March 2020 in Vienna was attended by nearly 1,500 participants representing more than 130 Member States, 17 intergovernmental organizations and almost 100 non-governmental organizations. In addition to the formal proceedings, around [100 side events](#) were organized on the margins of the Commission.

The Commission adopted five resolutions, covering a wide range of topics. Further, in 15 decisions, the Commission added 13 substances to the international drug control conventions, took a procedural decision on the considerations of the WHO recommendations on cannabis and cannabis-related substances and endorsed the improved and streamlined annual report questionnaire.



1,500  
participants

130 Member  
States

100 Side  
Events

17 IGOs

100 NGOs

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Promoting efforts by Member States to address and counter the world drug problem, in particular supply reduction-related measures, through effective partnerships with private sector entities

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Promoting and improving the collection and analysis of reliable and comparable data to strengthen balanced, integrated, comprehensive, multidisciplinary and scientific evidence-based responses to the world drug problem

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Promoting awareness-raising, education and training as part of a comprehensive approach to ensuring access to and the availability of internationally controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes and improving their rational use

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Promoting the involvement of youth in drug prevention efforts

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Promoting alternative development as a development-oriented drug control strategy

### Consultations on WHO scheduling commendations on cannabis and cannabis-related substances, follow up to CND Decision 63/14

In CND Decision 63/14, the Commission recalled its mandate to vote on scheduling recommendations as laid out in the international drug control conventions and decided to continue during its current 63rd session the consideration of the recommendations of the WHO on cannabis and cannabis-related substances, bearing in mind their complexity, in order to clarify the implications and consequences of, as well as the reasoning for, these recommendations, and decided to vote at its reconvened 63rd session in December 2020, in order to preserve the integrity of the international scheduling system.

In line with the Chair's proposal, endorsed by the Extended Bureau on 22 May 2020, the Commission continues considerations in three topical meetings and one intersessional meeting. The first topical meeting on recommendations 5.4 and 5.5 was held virtually on 24 and 25 June 2020.



# CND SPECIAL EVENT

commemorating the  
United Nations International Day  
against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

## 2020 WORLD DRUG REPORT

Friday, 26 June 2020  
2:00 PM (Vienna Time) VIRTUAL MEETING



### CND Special Event 26 June 2020

A [special commemorative event](#) of the 63rd session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, devoted to the United Nations International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, was held virtually on Friday, 26 June 2020. On this occasion, the [World Drug Report 2020](#) was launched, followed by a discussion on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the world drug situation, from various regional perspectives, co-sponsored by the EU and UNODC.

As the 26 June 2020 also marked the 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter, the Executive Director of UNODC opened the CND Special Event with remarks in her capacity as Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna, and H.E. Mr. Alexander Schallenberg, Austrian Federal Minister for European and International Affairs spoke for the Host Country.

### Cooperation with ECOSOC

As functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the CND cooperates closely with the ECOSOC. On 22 January 2020, the CND Chair and the CCPCJ Chair presented the priorities of the work of the Commissions for the year 2020 in a joint meeting with the Chairs of the ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies via video conference.

Further, on 3 June 2020, the CND Chair participated in the ECOSOC Management Segment meeting and briefed the ECOSOC Secretariat and other functional commissions, under agenda item 19 (d) entitled "Narcotic drugs", on the outcome of the 63rd session of the Commission in March, as well as the 62nd reconvened session, held in December 2019.



### Bureau members of the 63<sup>rd</sup> CND session

#### Chairperson:

H.E. Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan (Pakistan)

#### 1st Vice-Chairperson:

H.E. Ms. Dominika Krois (Poland)

#### 2nd Vice-Chairperson:

H.E. Mr. Ghislain D'hoop (Belgium)

#### 3rd Vice-Chairperson:

H.E. Ms. Gloria Navarrette (Chile)

#### Rapporteur:

Mr. Emmanuel Ikechukwu (Nigeria)



### Upcoming events

- ◇ 18 September 2020: 2nd Intersessional Meeting, Vienna, Austria
- ◇ 19-21 October 2020: Thematic discussions, follow-up to the 2019 Ministerial Declaration, Vienna, Austria
- ◇ 2-4 December 2020: Reconvened 63rd session, Vienna, Austria