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The process of developing the new ARQ

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RESOLUTION 60/1 OF THE CND (March 2017)

(Para. 7) The CND "invites the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in close cooperation with Member States, to

- reflect on possibilities to **strengthen and streamline** its existing data-collection and analysis tools, including improving the quality and effectiveness of the **annual report questionnaire**,

- and to **report to the Commission** on possible ways to enhance these, for consideration by the Commission **at its sixty-second session**,

- and invites Member States to **provide extra-budgetary resources** for these purposes".

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EB1   to keep for the 2nd presentation
Enrico Bisogno, 25/08/2019

2019 Ministerial Segment: Ministerial Declaration (March 2019)

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"We request the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in close cooperation with Member States, to continue, in an inclusive manner, **expert-level consultations on strengthening and streamlining the existing annual report questionnaire** and to reflect on possibilities to review other existing tools for the collection and analysis of drug control data as deemed necessary to reflect and assess **progress** made in the implementation of all commitments contained

- in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action,
- the 2014 Joint Ministerial Statement and
- the 2016 Outcome Document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly,

and to **submit an improved and streamlined annual report questionnaire for consideration at the sixty-third session of the Commission**, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources"

TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Oct 2017 – Jan 2018

- Technical assessment of the ARQ contents and process

- Broad consultation with Member States, international/regional organizations and civil society on ARQ contents and process + needs assessment on drug statistics capacities

Jan 2018: First Expert Working Group held in Vienna

- National and international experts

- Technical level discussion

- **Goals:** Review tools and activities to support MS' capacity to collect and report data
  Discuss process, quality and relevance of data currently collected

Contributions from Germany, Netherlands, Finland, and Norway

Main EWG conclusions to improve the ARQ

- Process/structure:

  - Modular approach: annual vs rotating modules

  - Provide for collecting various levels of data/information: qualitative and quantitative, national and local, general and specialised.

  - Identify a national Focal Point responsible for national ARQ reporting through better coordination and communication at country level and towards UNODC

  - Improve metadata collection and definitions

  - Provision of guidelines for completing the ARQ

  - Develop on-line reporting tool

  - Inter-agency cooperation to avoid duplication of data exercises

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Main EWG conclusions to improve the ARQ (cont.)

- Contents:

    - Collect more information on emerging topics, such as NPS and gender-relevant data

    - Multiple and specific indications on developing the new ARQ on:

        - Drug demand

        - Drug supply

        - Link with other illegal activities

        - Drugs and the criminal justice system

        - Alternative development and illicit crop cultivation

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TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

April 2019: start drafting of new ARQ

May 2019: Consultation with international organizations to improve coordination:
- Cooperation between UNODC and regional / international organizations in the collection of data via the ARQ
- Avoid duplication of efforts by increasing coordination of data collections

June-July 2019: Development of draft ARQ

August 2019: Global consultation on the ARQ
- Feedback from 19 Member States, 7 NGOs and one UN Agency

Since July 2019, activities supported by the European Commission

NEXT STEPS

- 28-30 August 2019: Second Expert Working Group for technical review and discussion of new ARQ

- Sept.-Oct. 2019: conduct pilot study on improved questionnaire
  → Call for volunteer countries for test phase during EWG

- December 2019: finalize questionnaire

- March 2020: Present new questionnaire at 63rd CND

- April-June 2020: develop instructions and guidelines to facilitate national reporting

- July-December 2020: develop new collection tool and related IT infrastructure

- April 2021: the new ARQ goes live!

Structure of ARQ

Demand related	Supply related	Cross-cutting
A01 – Prevalence	A06 – Seizures	A10 – Criminal Justice System
A02 – PWID	A07 – Laboratories	A11 – Legislative Framework
A03 – People with drug use disorders	A08 – Cultivation and eradication	
A04 – Mortality	A09 – Price and Purity	
A05 – Treatment		**ANNUAL**

ROTATING

Demand related	Supply related	Cross-cutting
		R01 – Prisons
R02 – Acute intoxication	R07 – Sales over the darknet	R10 – Alternative development
R03 – Core treatment services	R08 – Links with OC and corruption	R11 – Alternatives to conviction and pun.
R04 – Registered drug users	R09 – Supply reduction activities	R14 – National framework
R05 – Prevention of drug use	R12 – NPS identified	R15 – Innovative methods
R06 – Prevention of infectious diseases	R13 – IFF and Money Laundering	R16 – Access to medications

These modules will not be collected every year

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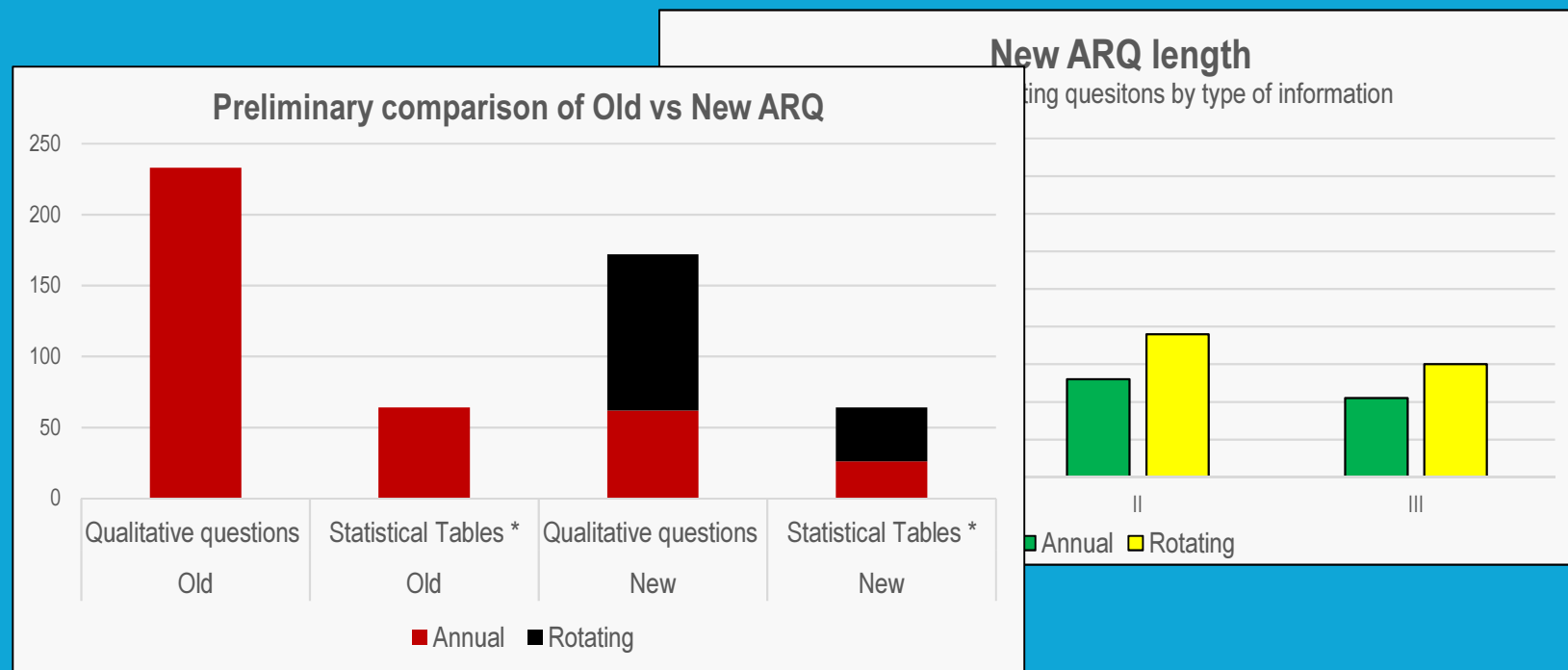United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

LENGTH OF NEW ARQ

Three types of information collected:

Type I: Basic information
Type II: Statistical Quantitative and other detailed information
Type III: Complementary information / High disaggregation

Preliminary comparison of Old vs New ARQ

| | Qualitative questions Old | Statistical Tables * Old | Qualitative questions New | Statistical Tables * New |

■ Annual ■ Rotating

New ARQ length
rotating quesitons by type of information

■ Annual ■ Rotating

* Statistical Tables for the New ARQ refers to Type II information