Special session
Vienna, 7 May 2021

Annotated provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Organizational matters:
   (a) Opening of the special session of the Conference;
   (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

2. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly against corruption, to be held from 2 to 4 June 2021;
   (a) Consideration of the political declaration to be adopted at the special session;
   (b) Consideration of any other matters.

3. Adoption of the report.

Annotations

1. Organizational matters

   (a) Opening of the special session of the Conference

   By its resolution 58/4, the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Corruption, in article 63 of which a Conference of the States Parties to the Convention was established to improve the capacity of and cooperation between States parties to achieve the objectives set forth in the Convention and to promote and review its implementation.

   In accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure for the Conference, special sessions of the Conference may be held at such times, at such place and with such duration as agreed by the Conference.

   In its resolution 74/276, the General Assembly requested the Conference to hold a special session for the purpose of approving the political declaration for subsequent transmittal to the General Assembly for adoption at its special session against corruption.

   In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the extended Bureau of the Conference to organize all actions to be taken by the Conference in preparation for the special session and, in consultation with Member States, to develop a workplan and timeline to advance consultations on the draft political declaration. At its meetings held in 2020, the extended Bureau agreed on the workplan and timeline for
the preparations for the special session, including the date of the special session of
the Conference.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The proposed organization of work was prepared by the secretariat in accordance
with rule 8 of the rules of procedure for the Conference and General Assembly
resolution 74/276.

The organization of work is intended to facilitate consideration of the agenda items
within the time and resources available to the Conference. The resources available to
the Conference at its special session will permit the holding of two meetings with
simultaneous interpretation from and into the six official languages of the United
Nations.

2. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly against corruption,
to be held from 2 to 4 June 2021

(a) Consideration of the political declaration to be adopted at the special session

(b) Consideration of any other matters

In its resolution 73/191, the General Assembly decided to convene in the first half of
2021 a special session of the Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and
combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation. The Assembly also
decided that, at that special session, it would adopt a concise and action-oriented
political declaration, agreed upon in advance by consensus through intergovernmental
negotiations under the auspices of the Conference. Moreover, the Assembly invited
the Conference to lead the preparatory process for the special session by addressing
all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner and requested the
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide substantive expertise and
technical support.

In its resolution 74/276, the General Assembly decided on the organizational
arrangements for its special session against corruption, reiterated its invitation to the
Conference to lead the preparatory process for the special session by addressing all
organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner and requested the
Conference to produce, in due time, a concise and action-oriented political declaration
agreed upon in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations under
the auspices of the Conference for adoption by the Assembly at its special session.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly reiterated the importance of an inclusive
preparatory process, including extensive substantive consultations, and invited the
Conference to hold up to three intersessional meetings, as required, to advance such
consultations. The Assembly encouraged organs, entities and specialized agencies of
the United Nations system, relevant international and regional organizations, civil
society, academia and other relevant stakeholders to fully contribute to the
preparatory process, in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure and
established practice, and requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to
collect such contributions, including specific recommendations on the issues to be
addressed by the Assembly at its special session, and make them available to the
Conference. All the contributions have been made available at www.ungass2021.org.

Furthermore, in its decision 74/568, the General Assembly, noting with concern the
situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), decided to convene the
special session from 2 to 4 June 2021, instead of from 26 to 28 April 2021.

The Conference, with the support of the extended Bureau, embarked on an intensive
process with a view to producing the political declaration.

In August 2020, the Conference started work on a zero draft, prepared by the
co-facilitators for the informal consultations on the draft political declaration, who
were appointed by the extended Bureau in accordance with General Assembly
resolution 74/276, with the support of the secretariat. The text was the subject of
negotiation during the intersessional period and will be submitted to the Conference at its special session for its approval. The political declaration will subsequently be transmitted to the Assembly for adoption at its special session against corruption.

3. **Adoption of the report**
   
The Conference is expected to adopt a report on its special session, most likely by means of a silence procedure.
## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

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