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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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Friday, 7 May	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the special session of the Conference
		1 (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
		2 (a)	Consideration of the political declaration to be adopted at the special session
	3–5 p.m.	2 (b)	Consideration of any other matters
		2	Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly against corruption, to be held from 2 to 4 June 2021 (<i>continued</i>)
		3	Adoption of the report