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Provisional agenda and annotations

Addendum

Annotations

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/259, entitled “Joint meetings of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, decided that, starting in 2011, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should hold joint meetings during their reconvened sessions for the purpose of considering agenda items included in the operational segment of the agendas of both Commissions, with a view to providing integrated policy directives to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on administrative, budgetary and strategic management issues. The Council also decided that the practice of holding back-to-back reconvened sessions of the Commissions should be continued to enable each Commission to consider, in separate meetings, agenda items included in the normative segment of its agenda.

In accordance with that decision, two meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be held jointly with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice during the reconvened sessions in order to consider agenda item 3, entitled “Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions”. The remaining items on the agenda will be considered in a separate meeting. This is reflected in the proposed organization of work contained in the annex to the present document.

In its resolution 69/200, the General Assembly decided that the Commission, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, should lead the preparatory process of the special session of



the Assembly by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner.

In its resolution 58/8 the Commission decided, in response to the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/200, to continue to take all possible measures to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process for the special session by using its existing meeting and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner. The Commission also decided that, in preparation for the special session, it would hold formal meetings following its fifty-eighth session, including two formal meetings during its reconvened fifty-eighth session in December 2015, and that it would hold intersessional meetings with a view to preparing for the formal meetings.

In its decision 58/14, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda for the special segment to be held during the reconvened fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016. The intersessional meeting of the Commission on 12 June agreed that a special segment of two meetings would be held on 9 December 2015.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations, addendum (E/CN.7/2015/1/Add.1)

3. **Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions**
 - (a) **Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives**
 - (b) **Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
 - (i) **Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
 - (ii) **Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions**
 - (c) **Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters**

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2015/234, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, reaffirmed Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13 and decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC until the part of the sessions of the Commissions to be held in the first half of 2017, at which time the Commissions should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate.

The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13. In its resolution 58/1, the Commission requested the working group to continue addressing evaluation-related matters, discussing and supporting the integrated programme approach of UNODC and discussing progress made with regard to the implementation of resolutions, to give appropriate attention to the issue of supporting the financial situation of UNODC, and to discuss human resources governance of the Office.

At its reconvened fifty-eighth session, the Commission is expected to review and approve the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for UNODC. The Commission will have before it for consideration at the joint meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held during the reconvened session, the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2015/17-E/CN.15/2015/20) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2015/18-E/CN.15/2015/21).

The Commission will also consider and review the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Item 3 will be considered at the joint meetings with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/259.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2015/6/Add.1-E/CN.15/2015/6/Add.1)

Report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2015/17-E/CN.15/2015/20)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2015/18-E/CN.15/2015/21)

6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

In its resolution 58/11, the Commission invited the World Health Organization to provide regular and timely recommendations for the scheduling of new psychoactive substances by continuing to explore the potential of assessing structurally related substances and substances with similar harm and dependence potential, enhance data-collection tools and contribute to the development of rapid assessment strategies based on all available sources of information.

In that resolution, the World Health Organization was further invited to present its scheduling recommendations to the Commission at its annual reconvened session in order to help Member States prepare for forthcoming scheduling decisions at the following regular session of the Commission.

At the thirty-seventh meeting of the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence of the World Health Organization, to be held in Geneva from 16 to 20 November 2015, the Committee will evaluate the dependence-producing properties and harm to health of nine psychoactive substances.

It is expected that the World Health Organization will report orally to the Commission about the outcome of the meeting. Pursuant to the international drug control treaties, recommendations on whether or not the substances considered should be placed under international control are made to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in a form of a notification, and will be acted upon by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its regular session in March 2016.

Special segment

8. Preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/193, decided to convene, early in 2016, a special session on the world drug problem to review the progress in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments.

In its resolution 68/197, the General Assembly requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the United Nations organ with prime responsibility for drug control matters, to engage in the preparatory process for the special session, including by presenting proposals from the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Commission through the Economic and Social Council in support of the preparatory process, including progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, to be considered by the Assembly starting at its sixty-ninth session.

In its resolution 69/200, the General Assembly decided that the Commission, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, should lead the preparatory process of the special session of the Assembly by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner, and invited the President of the Assembly to support, guide and stay involved in the process.

In that resolution, the General Assembly invited organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks, other relevant international organizations, including the International Narcotics Control Board, and regional organizations to contribute fully to the preparations for the special session in 2016, in particular by submitting to the Commission, through the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, specific recommendations on the issues to be addressed at the special session.

The Assembly also recognized the important role played by civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, in the preparations for and during the fifty-second and the fifty-seventh sessions of the Commission, including their high-level segments, and recognized further the need for their active involvement in the preparations for the special session, as well as the need for their effective,

substantive and active involvement during the special session, in accordance with the rules of procedure and practice developed for other special sessions of the General Assembly, and requested the Chair of the Commission to consider undertaking consultations and other appropriate actions in this regard with relevant stakeholders.

Further to its resolution 57/5, and to ensure an adequate inclusive and effective preparatory process, the Commission established a website for the special session of the General Assembly (www.ungass2016.org) to enable global dialogue in an inclusive and transparent manner and to function as a hub of knowledge, evidence and research on various aspects of the world drug problem. All relevant United Nations entities, and international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, have been invited to send written contributions to the Secretariat. All contributions received are posted on the website, along with presentations made during the intersessional meetings, as well as during interactive informal discussions and side events organized in the meantime.

At its reconvened fifty-seventh session in December 2014, the Commission adopted decision 57/2, pursuant to which a Board tasked by the Commission with preparations for the special session was established. The Board is in charge of organizing all actions to be taken by the Commission in preparation for the special session, addressing all organizational and substantive matters, in an open-ended manner, in preparation for and during the special segments of Commission sessions devoted to the preparations. The Board was elected on the basis of the regional distribution of officers of the Bureau of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission and facilitates the participation of all States Members and observers of the United Nations, along with organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks and other relevant international and regional organizations, parliamentarians, the scientific community and civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, in its preparations for the special session.

In paragraph 6 of its resolution 58/8, entitled “Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”, the Commission recommended to the Economic and Social Council the approval of a draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly defining the modalities of the special session on the world drug problem. Pursuant to the adoption of the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 6 of Commission resolution 58/8, the General Assembly would decide that the special session would consist of a general debate and interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables conducted in parallel to the plenary. The Commission, as the entity leading the preparations for the special session, would address in an open-ended manner, supported and guided by the President of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements, including chairing arrangements, speakers and participation, for five round tables, while considering the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, in line with General Assembly resolutions 67/193 and 69/201.

The Assembly would also request the Commission to produce a short, substantive, concise and action-oriented document comprising a set of operational recommendations, based upon a review of the implementation of the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements as well

as ways to address long-standing and emerging challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments. That document, to be recommended for adoption at the plenary of the special session, would, inter alia, address measures to reach an effective balance between supply and demand reduction as well as address the key causes and consequences of the world drug problem, including those in the health, social, human rights, economic, justice and security fields, in line with the principle of common and shared responsibility.

At its regular fifty-eighth session in March 2015, the Commission also adopted the provisional agenda for the special segment to be held during the reconvened fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in December 2015, on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016. In accordance with that agenda, the special segment will be conducted as follows:

1. Opening of the special segment.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016:
 - (a) Consideration of the draft provisional agenda of the special session, including preparations for the interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables;
 - (b) Consideration of the status of preparations of the outcome of the special session;
 - (c) Consideration of any other matters.
4. Provisional agenda for the special segment to be held by the Commission during its fifty-ninth session, in March 2016, in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, and the organization of the intersessional work of the Commission.
5. Other business.
6. Outcome and closure of the special segment.

The Commission will have before it a note prepared by the Secretariat on the special segment on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the substantive organization of the special segment on the preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (E/CN.7/2015/19)

9. Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission

The Commission, in its resolution 58/8, decided that it would devote up to eight meetings during its fifty-ninth session, to be held in March 2016, to the preparations for the special session. Item 5 of the provisional agenda of the

fifty-ninth session entitled “Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016” would be subsumed under the special segment.

At its regular fifty-eighth session in March 2015, in its decision 58/15, the Commission also adopted the preliminary provisional agenda for the special segment to be held during the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in March 2016, on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, as follows:

1. Opening of the special segment.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016:
 - (a) Consideration of the draft provisional agenda of the special session, including preparations for the interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables;
 - (b) Consideration of the outcome of the special session;
 - (c) Consideration of any other matters.
4. Other business.
5. Outcome and closure of the special segment.

Under agenda item 9 of its fifty-eighth session, the Commission is requested to decide on the duration and the dates of the fifty-ninth session, including its special segment, as well as to further discuss the agenda of the special segment.

10. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under agenda item 10 have been brought to the attention of the Secretariat, and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session

Under item 11, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its reconvened fifty-eighth session.

Opening of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and election of officers

Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the officers of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs hold office until their successors are elected, and are eligible for re-election.

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission should, at the end of each session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play an active role in the preparations for both the regular and the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance.

Pursuant to section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission is invited to open, at the end of its reconvened fifty-eighth session, on 11 December 2015, its fifty-ninth session for the sole purpose of electing the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur for that session.

In view of the established practice of rotating the offices on the basis of regional distribution, the officers to be elected by the Commission for its fifty-ninth session will be from the regional groups as follows:

<i>Chair:</i>	Eastern European States
<i>First Vice-Chair:</i>	Western European and other States
<i>Second Vice-Chair:</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States
<i>Third Vice-Chair:</i>	African States
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Asia-Pacific States

In accordance with established practice and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39, a group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union will assist the Chair in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, will constitute the extended Bureau.

Annex

Proposed organization of work for the reconvened fifty-eighth session, including its special segment

The proposed organization of work shown below is subject to approval by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. As soon as discussion on an item has been concluded, the following item will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 9 December 2015; Thursday, 10 December 2015; and Friday, 11 December 2015.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Wednesday, 9 December	10 a.m.		Opening of the reconvened fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (<i>continued</i>)
			Special segment
	10.15 a.m.-1 p.m.	8	Preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016 (<i>continued</i>)
			Opening of the special segment
			Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
			Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016:
			(a) Consideration of the draft provisional agenda of the special session, including preparations for the interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables
			(b) Consideration of the status of preparations of the outcome of the special session
			(c) Consideration of any other matters
	3-6 p.m.	8	Preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016 (<i>continued</i>)
			Provisional agenda for the special segment to be held by the Commission during its fifty-ninth session, in March 2016, in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, and the organization of the intersessional work of the Commission
			Other business
			Outcome and closure of the special segment

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Thursday, 10 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (<i>continued</i>)
	3-6 p.m.	3	Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
Friday, 11 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
		6	Implementation of the international drug control treaties (<i>continued</i>)
		9	Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission (<i>continued</i>)
		10	Other business (<i>continued</i>)
		11	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session