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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should, at the end of each session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and should encourage the bureau to play an active role in the preparations of the regular as well as the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the officers of the Commission hold office until their successors are elected and they are eligible for re-election.

In accordance with section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its fifty-first session, on 14 March 2008, opened its fifty-second session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chairperson and the third Vice-Chairperson. Subsequently, at an intersessional meeting held on 29 September 2008, the Commission was informed of the officers designated to serve as the other members of the Bureau until their official election by the Commission.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers of the fifty-second session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chairperson	Group of African States	Selma Ashipala-Musavyi (Namibia)
First Vice-Chairperson	Group of Asian States	Ali Asghar Soltanieh (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Second Vice-Chairperson	Group of Eastern European States	Audroné Astrauskiené (Lithuania)
Third Vice-Chairperson	Group of Western European and other States	David Best (Switzerland)

At an intersessional meeting held on 29 September 2008, the Commission confirmed that its fifty-second session would be held from 11 to 20 March 2009, with 11 and 12 March devoted to the high-level segment and 13 March to informal consultations on, inter alia, draft resolutions, the draft provisional agenda and the thematic debate of the fifty-third session of the Commission. The extended Bureau of the Commission, at a meeting held on 15 December 2008, reviewed the proposed programme of work elaborated on the basis of the agreements reached at the intersessional meeting held on 29 September. In addition, the extended Bureau agreed to recommend to the Commission, at an intersessional meeting to be held on 12 January 2009, that the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions should be noon on 16 March 2009. At that intersessional meeting, the Commission urged States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-second session to submit them to the Secretariat one month prior to the commencement of the session in accordance with established practice.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission may wish to establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work for the fifty-second session. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.7/2009/1)

Normative segment

- 3. Thematic debate on tools for enhancing the effectiveness of international drug control and international cooperation in the fight against illicit drugs, specifically:**
 - (a) Data collection for effective drug control, including on the misuse of cyberspace**
 - (b) Strengthening of regional and cross-border cooperation, including data-sharing**

At its fifty-first session, the Commission decided to hold a thematic debate at its fifty-second session and agreed that the theme and subthemes of the thematic debate would be identified at subsequent intersessional meetings of the Commission.

The extended Bureau of the Commission, at a meeting held on 12 June 2008, discussed the provisional agenda and identification of the theme for the thematic debate of the fifty-second session. At that meeting, the chairmen of the regional groups were urged to discuss the matter within their groups in order to enable the extended Bureau to identify a topic to be recommended for endorsement at a subsequent intersessional meeting of the Commission. The matter was also considered by the Bureau at meetings held on 3 and 26 September and by the extended Bureau at a meeting held on 10 September 2008. The matter was then taken up at an intersessional meeting of the Commission held on 29 September 2008; although a number of proposals were put forward at that meeting, no agreement could be reached on the theme and possible subthemes for the thematic debate.

The Bureau and extended Bureau remained seized of the matter, further discussing it at meetings held on 6 November and 8 December and on 15 December 2008, respectively. On 3 December 2008, the Chairperson of the Commission wrote to the chairmen of the regional groups urging them to conclude their consultations on the

matter in order to enable the extended Bureau, at a meeting to be held on 15 December, to reach consensus on a theme to be recommended for endorsement at an intersessional meeting of the Commission. Notwithstanding the extensive consultations conducted, the extended Bureau, at a meeting held on 15 December 2008, was not in a position to identify the theme for the thematic debate of the fifty-second session. The Chairperson of the Commission urged those regional groups that were still considering the matter to take into account the topics that had already been put forward. The extended Bureau agreed that, at a meeting to be held on 12 January 2009, it should arrive at a single proposal to recommend to the Commission for endorsement at an intersessional meeting to be held on that same day. At the intersessional meeting held on 12 January 2009, the following theme and subthemes of the thematic debate were endorsed:

“Tools for enhancing the effectiveness of international drug control and international cooperation in the fight against illicit drugs, specifically:

“(a) Data collection for effective drug control, including on the misuse of cyberspace;

“(b) Strengthening of regional and cross-border cooperation, including data-sharing.”

4. Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: general overview and progress achieved by Governments in meeting the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session

In paragraph 20 of the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, the Assembly called upon all States to report biennially to the Commission on their efforts to meet the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 agreed upon by the Assembly at its twentieth special session; and requested the Commission to analyse those reports in order to enhance the cooperative effort to combat the world drug problem.

The Commission, in its resolution 42/11, requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to prepare, on the basis of questionnaires provided by Member States, a biennial report, to be submitted to it in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2008, on the implementation of the objectives and targets agreed upon at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly.

Pursuant to that request, the Secretariat forwarded to Member States the biennial reports questionnaire and, on the basis of the replies received, prepared the fifth report of the Executive Director. At its fifty-first session, the Commission, having considered the fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2 and Add.1-6), assessed the extent to which the goals and targets set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session had been achieved.

The General Assembly, in its resolutions 61/183, 62/176 and 63/197, urged all States to promote and implement the outcomes of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly and the outcome of the ministerial segment of the forty-sixth session of the Commission, and to implement the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction. In the same resolutions, the Assembly called upon States and other

relevant actors to evaluate progress made since 1998 towards meeting the goals and targets set at the twentieth special session; and urged all States to strengthen their efforts to achieve the goals set at the twentieth special session.

The Commission, at its fifty-first session, adopted resolution 51/4, commencing the preparatory process for the high-level segment to be held during its fifty-second session, in 2009. In that resolution, the Commission took note of the fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2 and Add.1-6); and stressed that the preparatory process for the high-level segment should be a period of reflection, taking into account the international drug control treaties and measures that had led to positive outcomes and aspects that required greater effort, and that during the preparatory process an objective, scientific, balanced and transparent global evaluation should be conducted of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session. In the same resolution, the Commission also took note of the report of the Executive Director on the collection and use of complementary data and expertise to support the global assessment by Member States of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (E/CN.7/2008/8), submitted pursuant to Commission resolution 49/1.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 63/197, welcomed the adoption by the Commission of its resolution 51/4, in which the Commission had decided to establish open-ended intergovernmental expert working groups to work in a coordinated manner on the topics of drug demand reduction, supply reduction, countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation, international cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development, and control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants. Those topics corresponded to the subjects of the Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development, the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction and the measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the drug problem, adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session.

In its resolution 63/197, the General Assembly also considered that the outcomes of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working groups established by the Commission in its resolution 51/4, and their conclusions to be taken into account by the Commission at its intersessional meetings, might contribute to the preparation of a political declaration and, as appropriate, other declarations and measures to enhance international cooperation for consideration and adoption at the high-level segment of the Commission in 2009.

In accordance with paragraph 8 of Commission resolution 51/4 and based on the evaluation of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, Member States at the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission are to consider and adopt a political declaration and other declarations and measures to enhance international cooperation, identifying, on the basis of the results of the review process, future priorities and areas requiring further action, as well as goals and targets to be set in countering the world drug problem beyond 2009. In that resolution, the Commission also resolved that the outcome of the high-level segment should be submitted to the Assembly. Further details on the preparation of the high-level segment and the

implementation of Commission resolution 51/4 are provided in the annotations to item 11 below.

5. Drug demand reduction

- (a) Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction**
- (b) World situation with regard to drug abuse**

At its fifty-first session, the Commission considered the fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2 and Add.1-6), which included the follow-up on, inter alia, the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction. In its resolution 51/4, the Commission took note of that report.

The General Assembly, in its resolutions 61/183, 62/176 and 63/197, urged all States to implement the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction and to strengthen their national efforts to counter the abuse of illicit drugs in their population. Under item 5, Member States are invited to inform the Commission of action taken to implement the Action Plan. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse is contained in document E/CN.7/2009/2.

The Commission, in its resolution 51/14, called for collaboration among Member States represented both in the Commission and on the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to promote better coordination and alignment of the HIV/AIDS response in order to scale up towards the goal of universal access to comprehensive prevention, care, treatment and support services for drug users. In the resolution, the Commission also requested the Executive Director to share relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board with the Member States at each session of the Commission held in the first half of the year, starting with the fifty-second session; to transmit relevant resolutions of the Commission each year to the Chairman of the Programme Coordinating Board; and to report to the Commission on the implementation of resolution 51/14. Under this item, Member States are invited to report to the Commission on action taken to implement the resolution.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2009/2)

Report of the Executive Director on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (E/CN.7/2009/9)

- 6. Illicit drug traffic and supply**
- (a) World situation with regard to drug trafficking and action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission**
- (b) Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly**
- (i) Measures to promote judicial cooperation (extradition, mutual legal assistance, controlled delivery, countering trafficking by sea and law enforcement cooperation, including training)**
- (ii) Countering money-laundering**
- (iii) Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development**

In its resolution 61/183, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to take into account the outcome of the twentieth special session of the Assembly; to include in its report on illicit drug trafficking an updated, objective and comprehensive assessment of worldwide trends in illicit traffic and transit in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including methods and routes used; and to recommend ways and means of improving the capacity of States along those routes to address all aspects of the drug problem. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking is contained in document E/CN.7/2009/4.

In its resolutions 61/183, 62/176 and 63/197, the General Assembly encouraged the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation.

Under item 6 of the provisional agenda, the Commission will be informed of recent trends in illicit drug trafficking worldwide, including methods and routes used, and of the results of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies held since the fifty-first session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations made at the forty-third session of the Subcommittee, held in Tehran from 16 to 20 November 2008; the Eighteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Yamoussoukro from 8 to 12 September 2008; and the Eighteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Tegucigalpa from 13 to 17 October 2008, with a view to taking any required follow-up action. A report of the Secretariat on the results of the meetings of those subsidiary bodies of the Commission is contained in document E/CN.7/2009/5.

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2008/26, urged donor Governments, among others, to redouble their efforts to enhance international cooperation in reducing illicit drug crops through alternative development and preventive alternative development, and to consider increasing their financial and material support and technical assistance and providing a flexible and sufficiently long-term commitment to States affected by illicit crop cultivation. An oral report will be made on the implementation of Council resolution 2008/26.

In its resolution 2008/27, the Economic and Social Council urged the international partners, all relevant organizations of the United Nations and, in particular, the

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and invited international financial and development institutions to assist transit States, in particular those States neighbouring Afghanistan that were most affected by the transit of illicit drugs, by providing them with adequate technical assistance to effectively address the drug trafficking problem through a comprehensive and integrated shared plan. The report of the Executive Director on the implementation of Council resolution 2008/27 is contained in document E/CN.7/2009/7.

The Commission, in its resolution 51/1, welcomed the report of the Executive Director on progress achieved in the implementation of Commission resolution 50/1, entitled "Follow-up to the Second Ministerial Conference on Drug Trafficking Routes from Afghanistan" (E/CN.7/2008/10). In that resolution, the Commission called upon Paris Pact partners to promote international and regional initiatives against trafficking in opiates from Afghanistan and to strengthen cooperation with ongoing operations in the region, such as Operation Channel, Operation Containment and Operation Elena. The Commission welcomed the launch, under the guidance of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Project Cohesion Task Force, of the Targeted Anti-trafficking Regional Communication, Expertise and Training (TARCET) initiative, targeting precursors used in the manufacture of heroin in Afghanistan, and urged Paris Pact partners to cooperate closely with the initiative in order to ensure its success. The report of the Executive Director on the implementation of Commission resolution 51/1 is contained in document E/CN.7/2009/8.

At its fiftieth session, the Commission, in its resolution 50/8, on strengthening international support for Haiti in combating the drug problem, recalled, *inter alia*, the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, in which it was stated that supplementary assistance would be crucial to address problems presented by the smuggling of narcotics and weapons and that those illicit activities far surpassed the ability of national authorities and the Mission to control them and posed a grave problem to the long-term stability of Haiti. In the same resolution, the Commission called upon Member States and requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to strengthen initiatives and programmes aimed at providing technical support and assistance for the efforts by the Government of Haiti to combat illicit drug trafficking and reduce the demand for illicit drugs; and requested the Executive Director to report to the Commission at its fifty-second session on the implementation of the resolution. The report on the implementation of Commission resolution 50/8 is contained in document E/CN.7/2009/3–E/CN.15/2009/3.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2009/4)

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2009/5)

Report of the Executive Director on provision of international assistance to the most affected States neighbouring Afghanistan (E/CN.7/2009/7)

Report of the Executive Director on follow-up to the Second Ministerial Conference on Drug Trafficking Routes from Afghanistan (E/CN.7/2009/8)

7. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

Under item 7, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances

Pursuant to article 12, paragraph 13, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, the Commission should review periodically the adequacy and propriety of Table I and Table II of the Convention. In 2006, the International Narcotics Control Board, concerned that existing controls on phenylacetic acid, a precursor of amphetamine-type stimulants, were inadequate, convened a meeting of its advisory expert group to assess information and relevant comments provided by Governments on licit and illicit trade in that substance. Based on the recommendations made by the advisory expert group, the Board sent a note verbale to the Secretary-General in January 2007 to formally initiate the procedures for the transfer of phenylacetic acid from Table II to Table I of the 1988 Convention. To assess the impact of that recommendation, the Secretary-General transmitted the recommendation of the Board through a note dated 27 April 2007, inviting Governments, pursuant to article 12, paragraph 3, of the 1988 Convention, to submit their comments regarding the possible transfer of phenylacetic acid from Table II to Table I of the 1988 Convention. The responses submitted by Governments were forwarded to the advisory expert group, which held a meeting in February 2008 to evaluate the information and determine the level of global support for the rescheduling of phenylacetic acid under the 1988 Convention. The advisory expert group advised the Board that the information provided by Governments and other information available on phenylacetic acid supported the continuation of the process for the rescheduling of that substance from Table II to Table I of the 1988 Convention. The Board is currently collecting more detailed information on the extent to which the substance is used in the illicit manufacture of amphetamine-type stimulants.

No recommendation has been made by the Board pursuant to article 12, paragraph 2, of the 1988 Convention.

The World Health Organization has not submitted any notification concerning recommendations to place narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances under international control pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol or the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

(b) International Narcotics Control Board

The annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board is submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the international drug control treaties. The Commission may make such comments on the report as it sees fit. In addition, article 8 of the 1961 Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, article 17 of the 1971 Convention and article 21 of the 1988 Convention authorize the Commission to call the attention of the Board to any matters that may be relevant to the functions of the Board. The report of the Board for 2008 (E/INCB/2008/1) will be before the Commission.

Article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention requires the Board to report annually to the Commission on the implementation of that article. It is suggested that the 2008 report of the Board on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2008/4) should be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2008 (E/INCB/2008/1), in line with the recent practice of the Commission.

(c) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes

(d) Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

The Board will submit to the Commission, for consideration, a report on the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly in the area of the control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants. The report is prepared in accordance with the outcome of the special session and highlights achievements in the implementation of the action plans adopted at the special session, identifies challenges that remain in addressing the world drug problem and presents the recommendations of the Board.

(i) Measures to prevent the illicit manufacture, import, export, trafficking, distribution and diversion of precursors used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

(ii) Action Plan against Illicit Manufacture, Trafficking and Abuse of Amphetamine type Stimulants and Their Precursors

Governments are invited to inform the Commission of action taken at the national level to put into effect the precursor control measures recommended by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, as well as international initiatives taken with regard to the Action Plan against Illicit Manufacture, Trafficking and Abuse of Amphetamine-type Stimulants and Their Precursors.

(d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties

The Commission will have before it, for information, the latest issue of the publication entitled *Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties* (ST/NAR.3/2008/1), which provides information to facilitate cooperation between competent national authorities that are empowered to issue certificates and authorizations for the import and export of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that regulate or enforce national controls over precursors and essential chemicals in accordance with the international drug control treaties.

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2008 (E/INCB/2008/1)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board on Follow-up to the Twentieth Special Session of the General Assembly (E/INCB/2008/1/Supp.1)

Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2008 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations

Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/2008/4)

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties (ST/NAR.3/2008/1)

Operational segment

8. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments, including an operational segment during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Office.

For its consideration of item 8, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2009/3–E/CN.15/2009/3).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2009/3–E/CN.15/2009/3)

9. Strengthening the United Nations machinery for drug control

At its fifty-first session, the Commission adopted decision 51/1, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, and decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group to discuss and prepare recommendations, to be presented to the Commission at its fifty-second session, on how to ensure political ownership by the Member States and how to improve the governance structure and the financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. The co-chairmen of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime conducted briefings for all delegations on 10 July 2008 and informal open-ended consultations on 11 September 2008 to hear views and receive input from delegations on their expectations and on the scope and envisaged outcome of the working group. Using that input and the ideas and suggestions provided, the co-chairmen prepared a concept paper, prior to the first session of the working group, to provide a basis for its discussions. The working group held five sessions, on 7 October, on 10 November, on 27 and 28 November 2008, on 30 January 2009 and on 2 February 2009, at which it reviewed the concept paper; further sessions were scheduled for 2009. The report of the working group (E/CN.7/2009/10–E/CN.15/2009/10), including the recommendations of the working group, will be before the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2009/10–E/CN.15/2009/10)

10. Administrative and budgetary questions

At its reconvened fiftieth session, the Commission adopted resolution 50/14, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”, in which it approved the projected use of general-purpose funds in the biennium 2008-2009 and endorsed the estimates for the programme support cost funds and special-purpose funds for the bienniums 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme. In the same resolution, the Commission requested the Executive Director to submit to it annual reports on the programmes and initiatives to be implemented by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the bienniums 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 and on how they conformed with the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as reflected in the strategic framework of the United Nations for the period 2010-2011.

The consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime presents an alignment of the strategy for the Office for the period 2008-2011 with the divisional structure of the Office. The expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement presented in the consolidated budget have been harmonized with the three subprogrammes of programme 13 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009 (A/61/6 (Prog. 13)) and with the result areas identified in the strategy.

The consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime focuses on general-purpose resources of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund. The consolidated budget also provides information on the projected allocation of special-purpose funds and the programme support cost income earned from special-purpose contributions, as well as the resources of the regular budget of the United Nations.

The report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2009/11–E/CN.15/2009/11), providing programmatic and financial information, will be presented to the Commission at its fifty-second session. The report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime will be presented to the Commission at its reconvened fifty-second session.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2009/11–E/CN.15/2009/11)

High-level segment

11. Opening of the high-level segment

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council recommended that the Commission should convene, whenever appropriate, ministerial-level segments of its sessions to focus on specific themes related to the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly. At its forty-third session, in 2000, the Commission agreed to convene a ministerial-level segment at its sessions in 2003 and 2008 to coincide with the two target dates for achieving the goals and targets agreed upon by the Assembly at its twentieth special session.

The Commission, in its resolution 50/12, decided to convene a high-level segment, open to all States Members of the United Nations, during its fifty-second session, in 2009, instead of holding a ministerial-level segment in 2008, in order to allow additional time for conducting an objective, scientific, balanced and transparent global assessment of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session. In its resolution 51/4, the Commission decided that two days should be devoted to the high-level segment and that, during the high-level segment, it would discuss future priorities and areas requiring further action, as well as goals and targets to be set in countering the world drug problem.

As the preparatory body of the high-level segment, the Commission, pursuant to its resolutions 49/1, 49/2 and, in particular, 51/4, established five open-ended, intergovernmental expert working groups to work in a coordinated manner to assess the achievements of the goals and targets set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, as well as areas requiring further action, and to draw conclusions for further discussion at intersessional meetings. The following reports of working groups were made available at intersessional meetings of the Commission: (a) the report of the meeting of the working group on supply reduction, held in Vienna from 23 to 25 June 2008 (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.1/3); (b) the report of the meeting of the working group on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation, held in Vienna on 30 June and 1 July 2008 (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.2/3); (c) the report of the meeting of the working group on international cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development, held in Vienna from 2 to 4 July 2008 (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.2/3); (d) the report of the meeting of the working group on drug demand reduction, held in Vienna from 15 to 17 September 2008 (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.2/3); and (e) the report of the meeting of the working group on control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants, held in Vienna from 17 to 19 September 2008 (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.2/3). The reports are available on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/UNGASS/01-Preparations.html>).

Based on the evaluation of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly and pursuant to Commission resolution 51/4, the Commission should, at the high-level segment of the fifty-second session, consider and adopt a political declaration and, as appropriate, other declarations, identifying, on the basis of the review process, future priorities and areas requiring further action, as well as goals and targets to be set in countering the world drug problem beyond 2009. In accordance with

Commission resolution 51/4 and General Assembly resolution 63/197, the Commission will submit the outcome of the high-level segment to the Assembly.

At an intersessional meeting held on 29 September 2008, the Commission endorsed the proposal by the Chairperson to prepare a first draft of the declaration and plans of action as the basis for intersessional discussions. In accordance with Commission resolution 51/4, intersessional meetings were to be held in the second half of 2008 to prepare recommendations to be adopted by the Commission at its fifty-second session, such intersessional meetings to take into account, inter alia, the conclusions of the working groups in order to provide material on which to base the drafting of the outcome of the high-level segment of the fifty-second session. A first draft of the plans of action was made available to delegations on 6 October 2008 and informal consultations were held on 22 and 23 October, 3 and 4 November, from 24 to 26 November and from 10 to 12 December 2008; further informal consultations were to be held from 13 to 16 January 2009, and thereafter as required. At the intersessional meeting it was established that negotiations on the draft political declaration would begin once the “pillars”, or plans of action, had been negotiated. At the informal consultation on the preparation of the political declaration, held on 2 December 2008, delegations put forward ideas regarding the content of the draft political declaration and were given until 15 December to provide input in writing. Taking into account the input received, the Chairperson circulated a first draft of the political declaration on 15 January 2009 to provide a basis for informal consultations thereafter.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the substantive organization of the high-level segment (E/CN.7/2009/6)

12. General debate of the high-level segment: review of the progress achieved and the difficulties encountered by Member States in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session; challenges for the future

At its fifty-first session, the Commission agreed that the general debate of the high-level segment of its fifty-second session would focus on the progress achieved and the difficulties encountered by Member States in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, including challenges for the future.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the substantive organization of the high-level segment (E/CN.7/2009/6)

13. Round-table discussions of the high-level segment

- (a) **Current and emerging challenges, new trends and patterns of the world drug problem and possible improvements to the evaluation system**
- (b) **Strengthening international cooperation in countering the world drug problem using shared responsibility as a basis for an integrated, comprehensive, balanced and sustainable approach in the fight against drugs through domestic and international policies**
- (c) **Demand reduction, treatment and preventive policies and practices**
- (d) **Countering illicit drug traffic and supply, and alternative development**

At its fifty-first session, the Commission agreed that round-table discussions should be held in parallel with the high-level segment of its fifty-second session and that those discussions should focus on the various aspects covered at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the substantive organization of the high-level segment (E/CN.7/2009/6)

14. Outcome of the high-level segment

In its resolution 51/4, the Commission resolved that a political declaration and, as appropriate, other declarations and measures to enhance international cooperation should be considered and adopted at the high-level segment of its fifty-second session; it also resolved that the outcome of the high-level segment should be submitted to the General Assembly.

15. Closure of the high-level segment

In its resolution 51/4, the Commission resolved that a political declaration and, as appropriate, other declarations and measures to enhance international cooperation should be considered and adopted at the high-level segment of its fifty-second session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the substantive organization of the high-level segment (E/CN.7/2009/6)

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16. Provisional agenda for the fifty-third session of the Commission

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/243, the Commission agreed that it should, as part of the review of its programme of work on the basis of the experience gained thus far, consider its programme of work in relation to the duration of subsequent sessions. The Commission, in view of its work in relation to the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly and the outcome of the high-level segment of its fifty-second session, should devote attention to any adjustments that may be required in the draft provisional agenda

and programme of work for its fifty-third and subsequent sessions. The Commission should also devote time to the selection of the theme for the thematic debate of its fifty-third and subsequent sessions and should consider making more definite arrangements on the duration of its sessions.

17. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 17 have come to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

18. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-second session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its fifty-second session on the afternoon of 20 March 2009, the last day of the session.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

1. In its resolution 1991/39, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should establish a committee, the membership of which should be open to all States members of the Commission, to perform such functions as requested by the Commission in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work.
2. Since its forty-ninth session, in 2006, the Commission has held informal consultations to consider draft resolutions submitted in advance of the session with a view to expediting and facilitating the work of the Committee of the Whole. In accordance with this pattern, the extended Bureau, at its meeting held on 15 December 2008, reviewed and endorsed the proposed organization of work of the fifty-second session that envisaged the holding of informal consultations on Friday, 13 March 2009. The informal consultations could devote attention to, inter alia, a preliminary review of draft resolutions, the draft provisional agenda and the theme for the thematic debate of the fifty-third session of the Commission.
3. The Committee of the Whole is invited to consider items 4-6 and 8-10 and the respective reports submitted under those items prior to their consideration in the plenary, as appropriate.
4. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before they are submitted to the plenary. The extended Bureau, at a meeting held on 15 December 2008, agreed to recommend to the Commission, at an intersessional meeting to be held on 12 January 2009, that the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions should be noon on Monday, 16 March 2009. At that intersessional meeting, the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions was endorsed and States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-second session were urged to submit them to the Secretariat one month prior to the commencement of the session in accordance with established practice.
5. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 16 March, to the morning of Friday, 20 March 2009, to consider the items referred to in paragraph 3 above and to review draft resolutions.
6. The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the Commission. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been concluded, the following one 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.

Fifty-second session, 11-20 March 2009

Plenary

Wednesday, 11 March

9.30 a.m. Opening of the Commission
Item 2. Adoption of the agenda
and other organizational
matters

High-level segment

9.40 a.m. *Item 11.* Opening of the high-
level segment

10.30 a.m.- *Item 12.* General debate of the
12.30 p.m. high-level segment

10.30 a.m.- *Item 13 (a).* Round-table
1.30 p.m. discussion: Current and emerging
challenges, new trends and patterns
of the world drug problem and
possible improvements to the
evaluation system

2.30- *Item 12.* General debate of the
5.30 p.m. high-level segment (*continued*)

3.30- *Item 13 (b).* Round-table
6.30 p.m. discussion: Strengthening
international cooperation in
countering the world drug problem
using shared responsibility as a
basis for an integrated,
comprehensive, balanced and
sustainable approach in the fight
against drugs through domestic and
international policies

Thursday, 12 March

10 a.m.- *Item 12.* General debate of the
1 p.m. high-level segment (*continued*)

9.30 a.m.- *Item 13 (c).* Round-table
12.30 p.m. discussion: Demand reduction,
treatment and preventive policies
and practices

3-5 p.m. *Item 12.* General debate of the
high-level segment (*continued*)

2.30- *Item 13 (d).* Round-table
5.30 p.m. discussion: Countering illicit drug
traffic and supply, and alternative
development

6-7 p.m. *Items 14 and 15.* Outcome of
the high-level segment and
closure of the high-level
segment

Informal consultations**Friday, 13 March**

10 a.m.- Informal consultations
1 p.m.

3-6 p.m. Informal consultations

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
Monday, 16 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (<i>continued</i>)	
	Normative segment	
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 7.</i> Implementation of the international drug control treaties <i>Item 7.</i> Implementation of the international drug control treaties (<i>continued</i>)	<i>Item 4.</i> Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly <i>Item 5.</i> Drug demand reduction <i>Item 6.</i> Illicit drug traffic and supply <i>Item 8.</i> Policy directives <i>Item 9.</i> Strengthening the United Nations machinery for drug control <i>Item 10.</i> Administrative and budgetary questions
Tuesday, 17 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> Thematic debate on tools for enhancing the effectiveness of international drug control and international cooperation in the fight against illicit drugs, specifically: (a) Data collection for effective drug control, including on the misuse of cyberspace (b) Strengthening of regional and cross-border cooperation, including data-sharing	Consideration of draft resolutions
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> Thematic debate (<i>continued</i>)	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 18 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Drug demand reduction <i>Item 5.</i> Drug demand reduction (<i>continued</i>) <i>Item 6.</i> Illicit drug traffic and supply	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 19 March		
	Operational segment	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 8.</i> Policy directives <i>Item 9.</i> Strengthening the United Nations machinery for drug control	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 10.</i> Administrative and budgetary questions	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
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Friday, 20 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 16.</i> Provisional agenda for the fifty-third session of the Commission <i>Item 17.</i> Other business	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 18.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-second session	
