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**Open-ended intergovernmental expert working
group on international cooperation on the
eradication of illicit drug crops and on
alternative development**

Vienna, 2-4 July 2008

Provisional agenda and annotations

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6. Conclusions.
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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Following the opening of the meeting of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on international cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development, the working group will elect a bureau composed of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Following the election of the bureau, the working group will adopt the agenda and agree on the organization of work (see annex).

The provisional agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 51/4, entitled "Preparations for the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, relating to the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly", adopted on 14 March 2008. In that resolution, the Commission decided to establish open-ended intergovernmental expert working groups to work in a coordinated manner on the following topics:

- (a) Drug demand reduction;
- (b) Supply reduction (manufacture and trafficking);
- (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation;
- (d) International cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development;
- (e) Control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants.

In the same resolution, the Commission decided that each of the working groups should meet once, for three days, to assess the achievement 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 intersessional discussions.

3. Significant and measurable results in international cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development

The open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on international cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development will review the measures taken by Member States since 1998 to achieve the goals and targets set at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly.

Documentation*

Note by the Secretariat on the results attained by Member States in achieving the goals and targets set at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, the limitations and problems encountered and the way forward: international

* Documentation will be made available on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/UNGASS/01-Preparations.html>).

cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.3/2)

Report of the Executive Director on the collection and use of complementary drug-related 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.7/2007/7)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem: Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development (E/CN.7/2008/2/Add.2)

Report of the Executive Director on the collection and use of complementary drug-related 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)

Complementary drug-related 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/CRP.1-9 and 11)

“Beyond 2008”: contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the Political Declaration and Action Plans adopted by the twentieth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.7/2008/CRP.12)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board pursuant to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.7/2008/CRP.16)

4. Limitations and problems

The working group will discuss the problems that Member States have faced in implementing the goals and targets set at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly. It is expected that the working group will identify the goals and targets not yet achieved by 2008.

Documentation*

Note by the Secretariat on the results attained by Member States in achieving the goals and targets set at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, the limitations and problems encountered and the way forward: international cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.3/2)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2)

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Report on the fifty-first session of the Commission of Narcotic Drugs (E/2008/28)

5. The way forward: identification of elements to be discussed at intersessional meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The working group is expected to identify elements that could guide international drug policy in the area of international cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development beyond 2009, taking into consideration the discussion under items 3 and 4 of the provisional agenda.

Documentation*

Note by the Secretariat on the results attained by Member States in achieving the goals and targets set at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, the limitations and problems encountered and the way forward: international cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.3/2)

“Making drug control ‘fit for purpose’: building on the UNGASS decade”; report by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as a contribution to the review of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.7/2008/CRP.17)

6. Conclusions

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/4, intersessional meetings should be held during the second half of 2008 to prepare recommendations for the decisions to be adopted by the Commission at its fifty-second session, in 2009. The intersessional meetings should 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 for the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission.

In that resolution, it was also decided 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, 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.

7. Adoption of the report of the working group

It is expected that the working group will adopt its report, containing conclusions, on the last day of the meeting.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on international cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been concluded, the following one will be taken up, time permitting.

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Wednesday, 2 July		
3-6 p.m.		Opening of the meeting
	1	Election of officers
	2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	3	Significant and measurable results in international cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development
	4	Limitations and problems
Thursday, 3 July		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Limitations and problems (<i>continued</i>)
	5 (a)	The way forward: scope and reach of alternative development
	5 (b)	The way forward: inclusion of alternative development in a broader development agenda
3-6 p.m.	5 (c)	The way forward: sequenced interventions
	5 (d)	The way forward: assessing impact through monitoring and indicators
Friday, 4 July		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6	Conclusions
3-6 p.m.	6	Conclusions (<i>continued</i>)
	7	Adoption of the report of the working group
		Closing of the meeting