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**Open-ended intergovernmental expert
working group on drug demand reduction**

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Following the opening of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on drug demand reduction, 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 “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;
- (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 drug demand reduction

The open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on drug demand reduction 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.

Documentation¹

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: drug demand reduction (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.4/2)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2 and Add.1)

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)

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)

¹ Documentation will be available on the UNODC website (<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/UNGASS/01-Preparations.html>).

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)

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.

Documentation¹

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: drug demand reduction (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.4/2)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2 and Add.1)

Thematic debate on the 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 (E/2008/28, pp. 43-54)

Political Declaration on the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Countering the World Drug Problem Together (A/RES/S-20/2)

Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction (A/RES/S-20/3)

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 drug demand reduction beyond 2009, taking into consideration the discussion under items 3 and 4 of the provisional agenda.

Documentation¹

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: drug demand reduction (UNODC/CND/2008/WG.4/2)

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 "Making drug control 'fit for purpose': Building on the UNGASS decade" (E/CN.7/2008/CRP.17*)

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6. Conclusions

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/4, intersessional meetings shall 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 the material on which the drafting of the outcome for the high level segment can be based.

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 by 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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 15 September 2008	10 a.m. -1 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 drug demand reduction
	3-6 p.m.	4	Limitations and problems
		5a	The way forward: General principles
Tuesday, 16 September 2008	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5b	The way forward: Principles for prevention of substance abuse (<i>continued</i>)
		5c	The way forward: Principles for treatment of drug dependence
	3-6 p.m.	5d	The way forward: Principles for HIV/AIDS prevention and care
		6	Conclusions
Wednesday, 17 September 2008	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6	Conclusions (<i>continued</i>)
		7	Adoption of the report of the working group
			Closing of the meeting