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## Chapter I

### **Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention**

#### **A. Draft decision for adoption by the Economic and Social Council**

1. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

##### **Draft decision**

#### **Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-seventh session**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-seventh session.

#### **B. Matters brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council**

2. The attention of the Economic and Social Council is drawn to the following resolution, adopted by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its reconvened twenty-seventh session, and to the action taken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/252, in which the Assembly authorized the Commission to approve the programme budget for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund:

##### **Resolution 27/7**

#### **Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund**

*The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,*

*Exercising* the administrative and financial functions entrusted to it by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,<sup>1</sup> as well as the additional information provided to the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the Office for its deliberations,

*Noting with concern* the financial challenges facing the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime due to the shortfall in general-purpose funding and underlying funding trends affecting the Office's ability to effectively uphold core programmatic functions, such as normative work and research,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the contribution of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to the efforts of the Secretary-General to implement General Assembly resolution 72/266 B of 5 July 2018 on shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations,

*Welcoming* the engagement of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with the Secretary-General and relevant programmes, funds, specialized agencies and

<sup>1</sup> E/CN.7/2018/14-E/CN.15/2018/16.

other United Nations entities to implement General Assembly resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and underscoring the importance of full implementation of Assembly resolution 71/243 of 21 December 2016 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

*Taking note* of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime initiative to create a one-off surge capacity, funded by programme support cost funds, including to strengthen field-based presence in the context of United Nations system reform processes,

*Taking note also* of General Assembly resolution 72/279, in which the Assembly requested the United Nations development system to further harmonize cost recovery by individual system entities through differentiated approaches,

*Recalling* its resolution 26/5 of 8 December 2017, in which it requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to further explore the best appropriation of programme support cost funds to support indirect functions of field offices and to more broadly use programme support cost funds at headquarters and in field offices, as appropriate,

*Recalling also* that Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations emphasizes the paramount consideration of efficiency, competence and integrity with regard to the recruitment of staff and that due regard is to be paid to the importance of recruiting staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 69/251 of 29 December 2014, in which the Assembly noted with disappointment the insufficient progress made with regard to achieving the goal of a 50/50 gender balance in the United Nations common system, especially in the Professional and higher categories, and requested the International Civil Service Commission to encourage the organizations of the common system to fully implement existing gender-balance policies and measures,

*Recognizing* that the principle of equitable geographical distribution and the goal of equal representation of women in the composition of the Secretariat should not conflict with the paramount consideration in the employment of staff, namely the necessity of securing the highest standard of efficiency, competence and integrity as set out in Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Noting with concern* the continuing lack of diversity, in particular with regard to equitable geographical representation, within the staff of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,<sup>2</sup> and emphasizing that the Office, both at headquarters and in the field, should take more effective measures to ensure the recruitment of a diverse pool of candidates, particularly within the Professional and higher categories,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 2018/7 of 12 June 2018, Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 26/3 of 26 May 2017 and Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 59/5 of 22 March 2016 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into the policies and programmes of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

*Welcoming* the development and implementation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Strategy for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (2018–2021), including through the establishment of a gender team in the Office of the Executive Director,

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<sup>2</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/73/30)*, annex V.

*Noting* the importance of having a sustainable gender function at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, ensuring that gender mainstreaming and the empowerment of women are integral parts of all aspects of the work of the Office,

*Recalling* its resolution 27/1 of 16 May 2018,

1. *Notes* that the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime<sup>1</sup> provides information on the adjustments to the consolidated budget;

2. *Also notes* the continued full confidence of Member States in programme delivery by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

3. *Further notes* the involvement of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the United Nations reform processes;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to examine options to review its programme planning, financing and results reporting processes to ensure effective collaboration in the context of a revitalized strategic, flexible and results- and action-oriented United Nations Development Assistance Framework, without prejudice to the mandates of the Office, and to provide a written update at the next quarterly meeting of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the Office, on potential implications and adjustments required, for further consideration by Member States;

5. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to update Member States on its efforts towards implementation of resolution 72/266 B on shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations and to report to the Commission at its next reconvened session;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to update Member States in writing at regular intervals, including at the twenty-eighth reconvened session, on its progress towards the implementation of resolution 72/279 and relevant United Nations development system reform measures, including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime initiative to create a one-off surge capacity, with a view to identifying sustainable and financially viable options and benefits for the field network of the Office, including in the light of the reformed United Nations resident coordinator system, to strengthen the Office's delivery of its mandates to Member States;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in the light of the formulation of the budget for the biennium 2020–2021, to present to Member States its longer-term vision or strategy for the Office, including its headquarters and a strengthened and sustainable field network, and the financial implications, as well as potential reallocations necessary to address those implications;

8. *Urges* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to engage with the Secretary-General and relevant programmes, funds, specialized agencies, other United Nations entities and Member States, with a view to supporting the full implementation of General Assembly resolutions 71/243 and 72/279, and to consider the development of an appropriate approach to the funding modalities to finance the new resident coordinator system, based on the three funding sources set out in paragraph 10 of resolution 72/279, and to report to Member States before June 2019;

9. *Strongly encourages* the Deputy Secretary-General, as Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, to consider the inclusion of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the core group of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group during the review of its composition after its first year of operation, taking into account the unique mandates and field presence of the Office;

10. *Notes* the cost-saving measures taken by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to maintain general-purpose expenditure at 3,610,500 United States

dollars and programme support cost expenditure at 26,525,700 dollars for the biennium 2018–2019;

11. *Encourages* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue its efforts to ensure the effective use of resources and to also continue to improve efficiency measures and cost savings, bearing in mind the efficiency gains envisioned in the report of the Secretary-General on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>3</sup> to be redeployed for development activities;

12. *Urges* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue reviewing its funding model and the way it implements and appropriates funding sources, including programme support cost funds, and to present to Member States the result of that review in the second quarter of 2019;

13. *Endorses* the revised estimates for special-purpose funds for the biennium 2018–2019 as indicated below:

### Resource projections for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund

	<i>Resources (thousands of United States dollars)</i>		<i>Posts</i>	
	<i>Approved budget, 2018–2019</i>	<i>Revised budget, 2018–2019</i>	<i>Approved budget, 2018–2019</i>	<i>Revised budget, 2018–2019</i>
<b>General-purpose funds</b>				
Post	1 886.0	2 990.2	6	6
Non-post	701.4	620.3		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2 587.3</b>	<b>3 610.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Special-purpose funds</b>				
	304 661.1	332 534.1	238	238
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>304 661.1</b>	<b>332 534.1</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Programme support cost funds</b>				
Post	19 034.3	18 614.9	63	63
Non-post	5 938.5	7 910.8		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>24 972.8</b>	<b>26 525.7</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>332 221.2</b>	<b>362 670.3</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>307</b>

14. *Notes* that the estimated resource projections above are subject to the availability of funding;

15. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to strengthen its efforts to encourage donors to provide general-purpose funding, including by means of further increasing transparency and quality of reporting, and encourages Member States and other donors to consider providing support to the general-purpose funds of the Office;

16. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue promoting a culture of results-based management, including evaluation, at all stages of its programme planning, development and implementation, as well as strategy and policy development and review, bearing in mind the United Nations system reform processes;

17. *Reiterates* the importance of having a sustainable, effective and operationally independent corporate evaluation function at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime that is focused on the implementation, performance and impact

<sup>3</sup> A/72/684-E/2018/7.

of the Office's programmes, strategies and policies, including ensuring their consistency with the mandates of the Office;

18. *Requests* the Independent Evaluation Unit to continue:

(a) Providing the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with findings of and lessons learned from the evaluations of the programmes, strategies and policies of the Office;

(b) Working with the Office to increase coordination between evaluation, audit and other oversight bodies, with the aim of building a continuum of oversight of its projects, programmes and strategies;

19. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in line with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, to continue to intensify its efforts with a sense of urgency, to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular within the Professional and higher categories, including for field representatives, by, inter alia, intensifying its outreach efforts, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session;

20. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to include in such reporting, as well as in the dialogue within the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the Office, disaggregated data on the composition of staff by geographical area and gender, including on the Division for Management and on locally recruited staff, as well as measures taken to improve the geographical distribution and gender parity of its staff, including a description of its internal and external recruitment processes, such as measures in place to ensure transparency;

21. *Further requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to conduct an assessment of its implementation of the Secretariat recruitment policies and practices, with a view to presenting the results of its assessment, including a comprehensive action plan to effectively increase equitable geographical representation within its staff, in line with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, including, inter alia, consideration of the identification of a focal point on this issue within the Office of the Executive Director, to Member States at the first meeting of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the Office in the second half of 2019;

22. *Acknowledges* the efforts made by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to ensure gender balance among its staff, and requests the Executive Director of the Office to continue to intensify the efforts of the Office to achieve the goal of a 50/50 gender balance within the Professional and higher categories, including for field representatives, while upholding Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, by, inter alia, intensifying outreach efforts, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session;

23. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to mainstream a gender perspective into the development, implementation and evaluation of its programmes, policies, practices and strategies, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session;

24. *Strongly supports* the contribution of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to the implementation of the Secretariat policy of zero tolerance and the efforts and actions taken thus far to effectively prevent and address prohibited conduct, including discrimination, harassment, especially sexual harassment, and abuse of authority, by implementing further institutional and cultural changes, including by supporting robust implementation mechanisms in conjunction with system-wide and coherent regulatory and policy frameworks and through its continued active participation in the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination task force for addressing sexual harassment in the United Nations system and in other, related Secretariat-wide activities;

25. *Encourages* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to undertake, within existing resources, a review of current practices and its implementation of existing policies, including those in accordance with initiatives put forth by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to address and tackle prohibited conduct, including abuse, exploitation, abuse of authority, discrimination, sexual exploitation and abuse, and harassment, especially sexual harassment, and requests the Office to present the outcomes, recommendations and associated management responses to the Commission at its next reconvened session;

26. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for the purposes of the present resolution, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.

## Chapter II

### Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

3. At the 1st meeting of the reconvened twenty-seventh session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held jointly with the reconvened sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on 6 December 2018, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered agenda item 4, which read as follows:

“Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions:

(a) 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;

(b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme;

(c) Working methods of the Commission;

(d) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters.”

4. For its consideration of item 4, the Commission had before it the following:

(a) 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.7/2018/3/Add.1-E/CN.15/2018/3/Add.1](#));

(b) Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2018/14-E/CN.15/2018/16](#));

(c) Report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2018/15-E/CN.15/2018/17](#));

(d) Conference room paper containing the draft annual programme implementation plan for 2020 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2018/CRP.11-E/CN.15/2018/CRP.8](#));

5. The Director of the Division for Management and the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) made an introductory statement. The representative of Spain, in his capacity as Co-Chair of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC, also made an introductory statement.

6. Statements were made by the observer for Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the observer for Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States), the representative of Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and the representatives of Germany, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Chile, Brazil, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Pakistan and China.

7. The observers for Peru, Switzerland, Algeria and the Netherlands also made statements.

## A. Deliberations

8. Several speakers expressed appreciation for the crucial role and work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC in enhancing the transparency and accountability of the Office and strengthening cooperation and trust between Member States and UNODC.

9. Several speakers reiterated the importance of adequate, predictable and stable funding for UNODC in order to ensure the continuity of the provision of technical assistance, in particular to developing countries, upon request, and the sustainability of the Office's thematic, global and regional programmes. Several speakers expressed concern about the continued downward trend in general-purpose funds and its impact on the Office's ability to uphold core programmatic functions, including normative work and research. Many speakers commented upon the importance and relevance of UNODC technical assistance to Member States. UNODC was encouraged to further expand its technical assistance programmes and activities and undertake programme development on the ground in close consultation with Member States. On the subject of the UNODC field office network and the sustainability thereof, some speakers mentioned the need to ensure transparent decision-making and consultations on the allocation of programme support cost funds within UNODC, including to field offices, and to ensure a sustainable future for UNODC field offices. Several speakers noted the decrease in funding for the Latin American region and requested that resources for technical assistance be distributed more equitably.

10. Several speakers called for more information on the use of programme support cost funds and encouraged a broader distribution of programme support cost funds between divisions at headquarters and in the field. Several speakers requested UNODC to undertake a critical review of the appropriate use of its funding sources, including programme support cost funds, with a view to strengthening the field-based presence. UNODC was encouraged to develop a longer-term vision for its headquarters and a strengthened and sustainable field network, including financial implications and potential reallocations.

11. Several speakers expressed support for the Secretary-General's reform efforts and encouraged UNODC to remain committed to the implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) and other resolutions on the reform of the United Nations system that were aimed at allowing for a more coordinated Organization that was focused on delivering results on the ground and at creating a modern management culture at all levels. In terms of the financial implications of the United Nations development system reform, some speakers were in favour of UNODC making the necessary provisions in the budget to support a sustainably funded Resident Coordinator system. The hope was expressed that UNODC would continue to work with the Secretary-General's transition team and to identify efficiency gains in line with the reform requirements. As part of the reform, UNODC should strengthen inter-agency cooperation and joint programmes within expanded partnerships, as one important element for further improvement of the impact and results of technical assistance to Member States.

12. The creation of the so-called "one-off surge capacity", funded by programme support cost funds and intended to strengthen the field-based presence and focus on specific thematic areas, was referred to by several speakers, who indicated that UNODC was to consult with Member States on the implementation of that initiative. Delegations were looking forward to receiving regular reports on the implementation of the United Nations management reform and the United Nations development system reform, including the progress and outcome of the surge capacity and its budget implications. UNODC was requested to have consultations with the host countries of field offices well in advance of any longer-term changes to the field office network.

13. Some speakers noted that the ongoing and planned research activities of UNODC should be based on clear mandates and policy guidance provided by the governing bodies. In that connection, the Office was requested to submit a consolidated list of all the research activities that had taken place in the previous three years, as well as those that were planned for the future. It was suggested that such a list indicate the titles of the publications and the corresponding donors.

14. Several speakers expressed their appreciation for the progress made by UNODC in achieving gender parity, including at the senior level. Several speakers welcomed the promulgation of the Office's recently published Strategy for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (2018–2021).

15. Several speakers noted with concern that more progress was required with regard to achieving balanced geographical representation within UNODC and that concrete and sustainable efforts were needed to increase the representation of developing countries, in particular unrepresented and underrepresented countries, in the staff composition of the Office. A number of speakers highlighted the lack of equitable representation at the Professional, senior and policymaking levels. It was emphasized by a number of speakers that developing countries had qualified professionals with the required technical capacity and practical experience and UNODC was requested to take specific measures to correct the imbalance in geographical representation. Several speakers called upon the Executive Director to develop and implement a strategy to address the lack of progress made in achieving geographical diversity. Some speakers stated that, in line with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, the paramount consideration in the employment of staff should be securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, while paying due regard to recruiting staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.

16. Several speakers welcomed the efforts made by the Executive Director to uphold a zero-tolerance approach to sexual abuse and exploitation and sexual harassment and encouraged UNODC to support and implement relevant system-wide initiatives. A number of speakers encouraged UNODC to further strengthen its collective commitment to zero tolerance of harassment cases and to maintain a victim-centred approach and victim-centred response efforts, and requested regular updates on the issue.

17. On the subject of the annual programme implementation plan for 2020, several speakers noted that, while the mandates of UNODC might align with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals and targets had been created to support and complement existing drug control and criminal justice frameworks, not to supersede them. UNODC had a unique role to play in drug control and in combating crime and terrorism. The importance of cooperation between UNODC and other United Nations agencies working in the area of drugs was highlighted by one speaker.

18. One speaker noted that the current UNODC draft annual programme implementation plan for 2020 was too general in nature, and that the document should be more comprehensive, balanced and functional, covering all necessary areas based on the Office's mandates, and provide for a better geographical and regional balance. Another speaker noted that the draft plan should be adapted to reflect the diverse mandates of UNODC and that the achieved and expected results contained in the draft document did not reflect the comprehensive and balanced statement of objectives of each subprogramme.

19. One speaker, while acknowledging that some of her delegation's written comments on the substantive content had been taken into account by the Secretariat in revising the draft document, noted that her delegation did not agree with limiting the scope of UNODC mandates to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Consensus on the draft could not therefore be reached. She noted that her delegation would reiterate that position at the next session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, to be held at United Nations Headquarters.

20. In replying to the observations made, the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs indicated that the draft annual programme implementation plan for 2020 would be submitted to the Programme Planning and Budget Division of the Department of Management, which would present it to the Committee for Programme and Coordination. At the same time, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions would meet to consider the budget, based upon the draft plan. Both Committees would then provide their recommendations to the Fifth Committee, which would recommend the programme plan and the budget for adoption by the General Assembly at the end of 2019.

## **B. Action taken by the Commission**

21. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 December, the Commission adopted resolution 27/7, entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund”, as amended (see chap. I, sect. B).

## Chapter III

### **Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**

22. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 December 2018, the Commission considered agenda item 9, entitled “Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”.

23. The Chair of the Commission made an introductory statement. The Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs of UNODC made a statement.

24. The representative of Japan, the host country of the Fourteenth Congress, made a statement that included an audiovisual presentation on the venue of the Fourteenth Congress. Statements were also made by the representative of Pakistan and the observer for Algeria.

#### **Deliberations**

25. Under the item, the Chair informed the Commission of the status of the draft resolution, entitled “Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, which was approved by the twenty-seventh session of the Commission in May 2018 for adoption by the General Assembly. The Chair also announced that the regional preparatory meetings for the Fourteenth Congress were to be held from January to April 2019.

26. A representative of the Secretariat provided the Commission with further details regarding the regional preparatory meetings and announced that the discussion guide had been finalized and that the recommendations made at those meetings would serve as an important basis for negotiations on the outcome of the Congress.

27. The representative of Japan underscored the importance of clear messages in the outcome document that addressed the challenges faced globally by crime prevention and criminal justice practitioners and also underscored the commitment of the host country to support the negotiation process on the declaration. Other speakers thanked the Government of Japan and the secretariat for the organizational and substantive preparations for the Fourteenth Congress. One speaker highlighted the importance of using United Nations maps during meetings organized by the United Nations.

## Chapter IV

### **Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1, including follow-up, review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

28. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 December 2018, the Commission considered agenda item 10, entitled “Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1, including follow-up, review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

29. The Chair of the Commission made an introductory statement. The observer for Algeria made a statement. The observer for 28. Jun, a non-governmental organization, also made a statement.

#### **Deliberations**

30. Under the item, the Chair informed the Commission that he had briefed the Economic and Social Council at its coordination and management meeting held in July 2018 about the outcome of the twenty-seventh session of the Commission. In its decision 2018/244, the Council had taken note of the report on that session and had approved the provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission. Furthermore, the Chair noted that he had provided the Council with an overview of the written contributions made by the Commission to the integration segment of the 2018 session of the Council and to the 2018 high-level political forum on sustainable development.

31. At the same meeting, the Chair drew the attention of the Commission to the annex to General Assembly resolution 72/305, in which the Assembly noted that the Economic and Social Council should ensure an adequate division of labour among its subsidiary bodies and harmonization and coordination of their agendas and work programmes, while also ensuring that the principles, critical aspects and implementation gaps of the 2030 Agenda were addressed. The Secretary of the Commission made a statement on the implementation of resolution 72/305 and on the information contained in conference room paper E/CN.7/2018/CRP.15-E/CN.15/2018/CRP.9.

32. The Chair reminded delegations that, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/299, the annual theme for the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2019 was to be “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”. Furthermore, delegations were informed that on 6 November 2018, the Third Committee of the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Commission, entitled “Enhancing the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (adopted as General Assembly resolution 73/183 on 17 December 2018). Member States were reminded to share their views with the Commission on how it could further contribute to the review on progress made on and the implementation of efforts aimed at, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 16 (Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels), which was to be under in-depth review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2019.

33. Speakers highlighted the importance of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council system and emphasized that key challenges included ensuring the greater consistency, complementarity and synergies of the functional commissions of the Council. The importance of ensuring that the “Vienna perspective” was taken on board in the political processes concerning the 2030 Agenda was also highlighted.

## Chapter V

### **Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission**

34. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 December 2018, the Commission considered agenda item 11, entitled “Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission”. The Chair introduced the item and brought to the attention of the Commission matters relating to the organization of work for its twenty-eighth session.

#### **A. Deliberations**

##### **1. Duration of the twenty-eighth session and other arrangements**

35. The Chair of the Commission recalled that, in its decision 2018/244, the Economic and Social Council had approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission.

36. The Chair also recalled that the extended Bureau, at its meeting on 9 November 2018, had recommended Monday, 20 May to Friday, 24 May 2019, as the dates for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission, with pre-session informal consultations to be held on Friday, 17 May 2019. At its meeting, the extended Bureau had also recommended 12 and 13 December 2019 as the dates for the reconvened twenty-eighth session of the Commission.

37. It was brought to the attention of the Commission that, in accordance with its decision 21/1, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions would be one month prior to the commencement of the session. Draft resolutions for the twenty-eighth session would thus have to be submitted by noon on Tuesday, 23 April 2019, bearing in mind that Monday, 22 April 2019 was an official United Nations holiday.

##### **2. Thematic discussion**

38. The Chair of the Commission recalled that, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2016/241, the prominent theme and the topic of the thematic discussion at the twenty-eighth session of the Commission would be “The responsibility of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems in preventing and countering crime motivated by intolerance or discrimination of any kind”. In that regard, reference was made to the Chair’s proposal on the sub-themes for the thematic discussion, which had been circulated to the members of the extended Bureau on 26 November 2018, with a deadline for comments set for 30 November 2018. Following the recommendation made by the extended Bureau at its meeting on 3 December 2018, the Chair proposed that the Commission should maintain the overall theme, as contained in Economic and Social Council decision 2016/241, without sub-themes.

39. It was brought to the attention of the Commission that further consideration might need to be given to the organization of the thematic discussion at the twenty-eighth session, in line with its decision 18/1, on guidelines for thematic discussions of the Commission. The Chair of the Commission recalled that, in decision 18/1, the Commission urged Member States and regional groups to put forward their nominations for panellists not later than two months in advance of the session.

##### **3. Workshop of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network**

40. The Commission decided to accept, as it had done in previous years, a proposal by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network to

organize a workshop prior to the consideration of draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole. The Chair informed the Commission that the proposed topic for the workshop would be brought to the attention of the extended Bureau of the Commission at its twenty-eighth session for consideration and approval in due course.

## **B. Action taken by the Commission**

41. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 December 2018, the Commission endorsed the dates, deadlines and arrangements for its twenty-eighth session referred to in paragraphs 35–40 above.

## Chapter VI

### Other business

42. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 December 2018, the Commission considered agenda item 12, entitled “Other business”. No issues were raised under the agenda item.

## Chapter VII

### **Adoption of the report of the Commission on its reconvened twenty-seventh session**

43. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 December 2018, the Commission adopted the parts of its report on the organization of the session and administrative matters and on item 4 of the agenda (E/CN.15/2018/L.1/Add.8 and E/CN.15/2018/L.1/Add.9), as amended. The Commission also adopted a draft decision, introduced by the Chair, on the report of the Commission on its reconvened twenty-seventh session, for adoption by the Economic and Social Council (see chap. I, sect. A). The Commission also decided to entrust the finalization of the report to the Chair of the Commission, with the assistance of the Rapporteur.

## Chapter VIII

### Organization of the session and administrative matters

#### A. Opening and duration of the session

44. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held its reconvened twenty-seventh session in Vienna on 6 and 7 December 2018.

45. 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 would hold joint meetings during their reconvened sessions for the sole 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 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 would be continued to enable each Commission to consider, in separate meetings, agenda items included in the normative segment of its agenda.

46. The Commission held a total of two meetings during its reconvened twenty-seventh session. Pursuant to Council decision 2011/259, one meeting of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held jointly with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in order to consider item 4 of the agenda of both Commissions.

47. At the joint plenary meeting, the Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Chair of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice made statements.

#### B. Attendance

48. The reconvened twenty-seventh session was attended by representatives of 28 States members of the Commission (10 were not represented). Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, representatives of entities of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in E/CN.15/2018/INF/3/Rev.1.

#### C. Election of officers

49. On 8 October 2018, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States nominated Gloria Navarrete (Chile) for the office of Second Vice-Chair during the remainder of the twenty-seventh session, as the position had become vacant after the regular part of the twenty-seventh session. At its 1st meeting, on 6 December, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice elected the Second Vice-Chair.

#### D. Documentation

50. The documents before the Commission at its reconvened twenty-seventh session are listed in E/CN.15/2018/CRP.7/Add.1.

## **E. Closure of the reconvened twenty-seventh session**

51. At the 2nd meeting, on 7 December 2018, a closing statement was made by the Chair of the Commission. Statements were made by the representative of Brazil (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), the observer for Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the representative of France and the representative of China (on behalf of the Group of Asia and Pacific States).