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Executive summary

The present summary has been prepared pursuant to the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”, in which it is stated that the subsidiary bodies of the Council should, *inter alia*, include in their reports an executive summary, and pursuant to the annex to resolution 72/305, entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”.

During its reconvened thirty-first session, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions and the follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth Congress. The Commission also considered its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 72/305, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Commission further considered matters relating to the organization of its thirty-second session.

The Commission recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of a draft decision entitled “Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened thirty-first session”. In addition, the Commission adopted resolution 31/2, entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund”.

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 thirty-first session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened thirty-first 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 thirty-first 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 31/2

Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2022–2023 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 on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,¹

Noting with concern the financial challenges faced by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime owing to the shortfall in general-purpose funding affecting the ability of the Office to effectively uphold core programmatic functions, such as normative work and research,

Noting the importance for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of broadening its donor base,

Recalling its resolution 30/2 of 10 December 2021,

1. *Notes* that the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for the United Nations

¹ [E/CN.7/2022/16-E/CN.15/2022/16](#).

Office on Drugs and Crime provides information on the adjustments to the consolidated budget;

2. *Also notes* the importance of continued consultations within the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on any proposals that would alter the funding model of the Office, including on the proposals for direct cost recovery;

3. *Further notes* the continued strong donor confidence in programme delivery by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

4. *Notes* the involvement of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the United Nations reform streams;

5. *Approves* the revised budget for general-purpose funds for the biennium 2022–2023 in the amount of 3,274,500 United States dollars;

6. *Endorses* the revised budget for special-purpose funds and programme support costs for the biennium 2022–2023 as indicated below, without prejudice to the positions of Member States on a pilot initiative on direct cost recovery:

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, 2022–2023</i>	<i>Revised budget, 2022–2023</i>	<i>Approved budget, 2022–2023</i>	<i>Revised budget, 2022–2023</i>
General-purpose funds				
Post	2 397.8	2 330.5	7	7
Non-post	942.8	944.0		
Subtotal	3 340.6	3 274.5	7	7
Special-purpose funds				
	404 130.5	464 086.7	320	360
Subtotal	404 130.5	464 086.7	320	360
Programme support cost funds				
Post	24 331.9	24 025.0	66	66
Non-post	3 584.1	4 635.0		
Subtotal	27 916.0	28 660.0	66	66
Total	435 387.1	496 021.2	393	433

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

Chapter II

Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

3. At its 1st meeting, held jointly with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on 8 December 2022, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered agenda item 4, which read as follows:

“4. 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.7/2022/3/Add.1-E/CN.15/2022/3/Add.1](#));

(b) Report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2022/15-E/CN.15/2022/15](#));

(c) Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2022/16-E/CN.15/2022/16](#));

(d) Conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on the draft proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance for 2022 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2022/CRP.16-E/CN.15/2022/CRP.9](#)).

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

6. Joint statements were made by the representative of the European Union, in its capacity as observer, on behalf of the European Union and its member States,² and by the representative of Morocco on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

7. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Kenya, Japan, Italy, Paraguay, Pakistan, Colombia, Peru, China and the Russian Federation.

8. Statements were also made by the observers for Honduras, Bangladesh, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sweden, Jamaica, the United Arab Emirates, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Afghanistan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and

² Also on behalf of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine and San Marino.

Uzbekistan. The observer for the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice made a statement, also on behalf of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs.

9. The observer for Ukraine made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

A. Deliberations

10. Many speakers commended the work carried out by the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC, which continued to serve as a forum for dialogue between Member States and UNODC on strategic and programmatic matters with a view to increasing accountability with regard to programme development and implementation. Appreciation was expressed to the Chair and the Bureau of the working group for having guided the deliberations of the working group in a skilful manner. The importance of continued dialogue with the Executive Director and senior management of UNODC was underscored.

11. Several speakers welcomed the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget of UNODC for the biennium 2022–2023.

12. Several speakers recognized that UNODC had continued to deliver assistance in a period of multiple crises and that the Office had been experiencing financial challenges. They expressed concern about the low level of general-purpose and soft-earmarked funding. Many speakers reiterated that adequate, predictable and flexible funding was key for UNODC to ensure the implementation of its mandates. Some speakers called upon Member States to consider making non-earmarked contributions and emphasized the need for sufficient regular budget funding. The Office was invited to consider avenues for reducing its dependence on extrabudgetary resources. The importance of strengthening efforts to ensure an innovative and transparent funding model for UNODC was stressed. The Office was commended for placing greater emphasis on its field work and was encouraged to continue its efforts in that regard.

13. UNODC was commended for the implementation of its Strategy 2021–2025 and for the roll-out and implementation of its Strategic Vision for Africa 2030 and its Strategic Vision for Latin America and the Caribbean 2022–2025. It was noted that the approaches contained in the regional strategic visions should be implemented in line with the national priorities of relevant Member States. Some speakers reiterated the importance of improving and expanding UNODC regional and country programmes and projects in developing countries, with particular emphasis on technical assistance activities.

14. Several speakers commended UNODC for its continuous involvement in the implementation of the United Nations management and development system reforms and stressed the importance of providing further updates to Member States in that regard. Some speakers also called upon UNODC to continue to engage in full coordination with other United Nations entities at the country level and with the resident coordinators. The need for strengthened partnerships with United Nations entities, civil society and other relevant stakeholders in addressing and countering the world drug problem and preventing and countering crime was stressed.

15. The importance of building a culture of evaluation, results-based management and risk management, with a view to strengthening the overall performance of the Office and increasing accountability, was underscored. Some speakers welcomed the conference room paper on the draft proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance for 2022, and the inclusion of a reference to strengthening the Independent Evaluation Section.

16. While appreciation was expressed for the contributions of the Office to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the need for adherence to the international drug control conventions and for a balanced approach to addressing the world drug problem – thereby focusing on core mandates of UNODC – was also mentioned.

17. It was noted that the Office’s research work should be based on mandates and policy guidance provided by its governing bodies, as well as on impartial and transparent data sources. The need for regular dialogue and close consultations between Member States and UNODC regarding ongoing and planned publications and research activities was emphasized.

18. UNODC was commended for the smooth organization and conduct of intergovernmental meetings since the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

19. A number of speakers reiterated the importance of continued efforts to ensure respect for multilingualism in the meetings of intergovernmental bodies.

20. Appreciation was expressed for the efforts of UNODC to promote equitable geographical representation in its staff composition, bearing in mind the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity. At the same time, many speakers stressed the need for strengthened efforts and initiatives aimed at further improving the situation in that regard.

21. The progress made by the Office in achieving gender parity in its staff composition was welcomed by a number of delegations, and the importance of the work in that area was highlighted.

22. Several speakers recognized the noticeable efforts of UNODC to mainstream a gender perspective into its programmes and activities, including in the framework of the United Nations Office at Vienna/UNODC Strategy for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (2022–2026). The work of the Office aimed at enhancing its strategic approach to youth empowerment was also commended.

B. Action taken by the Commission

23. At its 1st meeting, held on 8 December 2022, the Commission elected by acclamation Philbert Abaka Johnson (Ghana) as First Vice-Chair of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC for the remaining part of 2022.

24. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 December 2022, the Commission adopted a draft resolution entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund” (E/CN.15/2022/L.7). (For the text of the resolution, see chap. I, sect. B, resolution 31/2.)

25. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Commission elected by acclamation the following members of the Bureau of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC for 2023: Philbert Abaka Johnson (Ghana) as Chair, Hikihara Takeshi (Japan) as First Vice-Chair, Eglantina Gjermeni (Albania) as Vice-Chair, Alejandro Edmundo Solano Ortiz (Costa Rica) as Vice-Chair and Esther Monterrubio Villar (Spain) as Vice-Chair.

Chapter III

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

26. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 December 2022, the Commission considered agenda item 9, entitled “Follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”.

27. The Chair and the Secretary of the Commission made introductory statements.

28. Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Colombia, Japan, Paraguay, the United States, the Dominican Republic, Peru, Armenia and the Russian Federation.

29. Statements were also made by the observers for Azerbaijan, Honduras, the Syrian Arab Republic, Malta, the Sudan, Guatemala and Algeria.

30. The observers for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (pre-recorded video) and for the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice also made statements.

Deliberations

31. The Chair expressed satisfaction that the second round of thematic discussions, focused on the second pillar of the Kyoto Declaration on Advancing Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law: Towards the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, namely, advancing criminal justice systems, had been held successfully from 5 to 7 December 2022. National practitioners and policymakers from Member States, representatives of United Nations entities and other intergovernmental and international organizations, and civil society experts had exchanged good practices and lessons learned. A Chair’s summary of the discussions would be brought to the attention of the Commission during the regular part of its regular thirty-second session, in May 2023.

32. The Chair recalled that, during the regular part of its thirty-first session, in May 2022, the Commission had recommended to the Economic and Social Council the approval of a revised draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly entitled “Follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, in which the Commission had decided to recommend that the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice be held in 2026 and that Member States be invited to provide their suggestions in relation to the overall theme, the agenda items and the topics for the workshops for the Fifteenth Congress, for consideration by the Commission at its thirty-second session, in May 2023. The resolution had been adopted by the Third Committee of the General Assembly on 4 November 2022 and recommended to the Assembly for adoption. The Chair highlighted the importance of identifying a host country soon to allow for timely preparations.

33. Many speakers highlighted the importance of the Kyoto Declaration as a road map for national reforms and for international priorities on crime prevention and criminal justice. Some speakers highlighted national efforts to implement the commitments contained in the Kyoto Declaration, including in the area of prison reform and in addressing organized crime, corruption and terrorism. In that

regard, some speakers highlighted cooperation with UNODC and other international organizations.

34. Many speakers underlined that the Kyoto Declaration had given rise to a new dynamism in the Commission. They expressed appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Commission to follow up on the implementation of the Declaration through the thematic discussions and commended the richness of the debates and the inclusive, comprehensive and interactive methodology. Some speakers welcomed the participation of the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Chair of the Commission on Social Development and other United Nations actors and noted the potential for cooperation shown by the discussions. Several speakers underlined the importance of multilingualism, including in the conduct of the thematic discussions. The possibility of exploring innovative technological solutions in the absence of interpretation entitlements was mentioned.

35. Several speakers made reference to the call to submit suggestions on the overall theme, agenda items and topics of the workshops for the Fifteenth Congress and suggested an extension of the deadline. The Secretary announced that a note verbale extending the deadline until 10 February 2023 would be sent shortly.

Chapter IV

Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 72/305, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

36. At its 1st meeting, held jointly with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on 8 December 2022, and at its 2nd meeting, held on 9 December 2022, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered agenda item 10, entitled “Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 72/305, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.
37. The Secretary made an introductory statement.
38. A statement was made by the representative of Azerbaijan.

Deliberations

39. The key role of the Economic and Social Council in balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development was highlighted. The Chair and the Secretary provided an overview of the substantive contributions made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, within their respective mandates, to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including in the run-up to the Sustainable Development Goals Summit in 2023. The active role taken on by the two Commissions in the review of the work of the functional commissions conducted by the Council in 2022 was noted, as were possible actions to follow up on the recommendations emanating from that review.

Chapter V

Provisional agenda for the thirty-second session of the Commission

40. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 December 2022, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered agenda item 11, entitled “Provisional agenda for the thirty-second 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 thirty-second session.

41. No statements were made under agenda item 11.

A. Deliberations

1. Duration of the thirty-second session and other arrangements

42. The Chair recalled that the extended Bureau had recommended 22 to 26 May 2023 as the dates for the regular part of the thirty-second session of the Commission and 7 and 8 December 2023 as the dates for the reconvened thirty-second session. The extended Bureau had also recommended that pre-session informal consultations be held on 19 May 2023.

43. 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 normally be one month prior to the commencement of the session. However, given that 24 April 2023 was an official United Nations holiday, the deadline would be set for 25 April 2023 at noon.

2. Thematic discussion

44. The Chair recalled that the topic for the thematic discussion to be held during the regular part of the session of the Commission in 2023 would be “Enhancing the functioning of the criminal justice system to ensure access to justice and to realize a safe and secure society”.

45. The Chair noted that the Commission might need to give further consideration to how it wished to organize its thematic discussion, also in line with its decision 18/1 on the guidelines for its thematic discussions, in which Member States and regional groups had been urged to put forward their nominations for panellists well in advance of the session. In addition, the Chair encouraged Member States to give due consideration to gender parity in the nomination of panellists.

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

46. The Chair recalled that, for several years, a workshop organized by the institutes comprising the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network had been held during the first meeting of the Committee of the Whole, prior to its consideration of draft resolutions. The topic of the workshop would normally be identical or similar to the prominent theme of the respective session of the Commission. It was noted that once the topic for the workshop was proposed by the institutes of the programme network, it would be brought to the attention of the extended Bureau of the Commission for consideration and approval.

4. Integration of the main theme of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development for 2023

47. It was recalled that, in its resolution 75/290 A, the General Assembly had encouraged the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council to align their discussions with the main annual theme of the Council. Accordingly, delegations were encouraged to link their statements at the thirty-second session of the Commission, in particular during the general debate and the consideration of the dedicated agenda item on contributions to the work of the Council, to the main theme of the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development for 2023, which would be “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels”.

5. Side events and exhibitions

48. The Chair informed the Commission that, from 2023 onward, the secretariat would coordinate the organization of exhibitions during the regular part of the session, which had previously been under the responsibility of the UNODC Advocacy Section.

49. Regarding the organization of side events and exhibitions during the regular part of the thirty-second session of the Commission, it was mentioned that, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, consideration would need to be given to the feasibility of in-person and hybrid (both in-person and online) side events and exhibitions closer to the date of the session. It was recalled that the guidelines for side events and exhibitions during the thirty-second session had been shared with all Member States on 2 December 2022 and that the application period for side events and exhibitions would be from 20 February to 3 March 2023.

6. Provisional agenda for the thirty-second session

50. The Chair recalled that the draft provisional agenda for the thirty-second session, as contained in the report of the Commission on its thirty-first session, had been approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2022/339.

B. Action taken by the Commission

51. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 December 2022, the Commission decided on the dates, deadlines and arrangements for its thirty-second session referred to in paragraphs 42–49 above.

Chapter VI

Other business

52. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 December 2022, the Commission considered agenda item 12, entitled “Other business”.
53. No statements were made and no issues were raised under the agenda item.

Chapter VII

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its reconvened thirty-first session

54. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 December 2022, the Commission adopted the parts of its draft report on the organization of the reconvened session and administrative matters (E/CN.15/2022/L.1/Add.9) and on agenda item 4, on strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (E/CN.15/2022/L.1/Add.10). The Commission also adopted a draft decision, introduced by the Chair, on the report of the Commission on its reconvened thirty-first 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.

55. During the adoption of the draft report on agenda item 4, one speaker stated his preference for paragraph 15 to read as follows: “It was noted that the Office’s research work should be based on clear and prior mandates and policy guidance provided by its governing bodies, as well as improve the validity, reliability and accuracy of research sources. The need for transparency and regular dialogue and close consultations between Member States and UNODC regarding ongoing and planned publications and research activities at all stages was emphasized.” Other speakers referred to the fact that that part of the report had already been adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its reconvened sixty-fifth session and expressed their preference for keeping identical wording in both reports.

Chapter VIII

Organization of the reconvened session and administrative matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

56. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held its reconvened thirty-first session in Vienna on 8 and 9 December 2022.

57. 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.

58. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held two meetings during its reconvened thirty-first session. Pursuant to Economic and Social 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 items 4 and 10 of the agenda of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and items 4 and 9 of the agenda of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

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

B. Attendance

60. The organizational arrangements for the reconvened thirty-first session had been endorsed by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice by means of a silence procedure on 7 November 2022. In accordance with those arrangements, the session was conducted in a hybrid format (in person and online).

61. The reconvened thirty-first session was attended by representatives of 38 States members of the Commission. 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 document [E/CN.15/2022/INF/3](#).

C. Documentation

62. The documents before the Commission at its reconvened thirty-first session are listed in conference room paper E/CN.15/2022/CRP.8/Add.1.

D. Closure of the session

63. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 December 2022, a closing statement was made by the Chair of the Commission.