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In the absence of Mr. Kelapile (Botswana), Ms. Stoeva (Bulgaria), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (continued)

Draft decision E/2022/L.3: Procedure for taking decisions of the sessional bodies and the subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic at the 2022 session of the Council

1. **The President** said that the draft decision had no programme budget implications. The President of the Council had submitted the draft decision after consultations with the Bureau. In circulating it to Member States, he had indicated that he would follow guidance provided by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General. The intent of the draft decision was not to discourage subsidiary bodies from meeting in person, but rather to provide a decision-making modality for those subsidiary bodies for which it was not practicable to meet in person. She took it that the Council wished to adopt the draft decision.

2. *It was so decided.*

Agenda item 4: Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (continued)

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

3. **The President** said that the candidature of Portugal had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States to complete the unexpired portion of the term of Norway, from 16 February 2022 to 31 December 2022.

4. She took it that the Council wished to elect Portugal by acclamation to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a term beginning on 16 February 2022 and expiring on 31 December 2022.

5. *It was so decided.*

Agenda item 12: Coordination, programme and other questions

(e) Long-term programme of support for Haiti (E/2022/11; E/2022/L.2)

Draft decision E/2022/L.2: Appointment of an additional member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

6. **The President** said that the draft decision had no programme budget implications.

7. *Draft decision E/2022/L.2 was adopted.*

8. **Mr. Black** (Canada), speaking on behalf of his country in its capacity as Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, said that the addition of Saint Vincent and the Grenadine to the Group would enrich the quality of its work and help it to provide useful insights and advice to support the socioeconomic development of Haiti.

Agenda item 15: Regional cooperation (E/2022/L.4)

Draft resolution E/2022/L.4: Revised terms of reference of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe

9. *Draft resolution E/2022/L.4 was adopted.*

10. **Mr. Mack** (United States of America) said that his country had joined the consensus on the revised terms of reference of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe. However, it urged that Committee to take additional steps to ensure that the Economic Commission for Europe did not simply promote one set of regional regulations and agreements over other relevant ones. Specifically, the Inland Transport Committee should take additional steps to ensure the Economic Commission for Europe did not simply promote European practices worldwide.

11. The Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles of the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations was a good example of a global approach. Delegates from Europe, Asia and North America shared equal responsibility for the activities and outcomes of the Group, and documents were prepared in a manner that was neutral with respect to other relevant regulations and agreements.

Agenda item 18: Economic and environmental questions (continued)

(g) International cooperation in tax matters (E/2022/45)

Draft decision: Venue, dates and provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

12. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision entitled “Venue, dates and provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters”, contained in chapter I of the report of the Committee of Experts on its twenty-third session (E/2022/45).

13. *The draft decision was adopted.*

Agenda item 19: Social and human rights questions**(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice**
(E/2021/28/Add.1 and E/2021/30/Add.1)**(d) Narcotic drugs** (E/2021/28/Add.1 and E/2021/30/Add.1)

Draft decision I: Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

14. **The President** drew attention to draft decision I, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, contained in chapter I of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened thirtieth session (E/2021/30/Add.1) and in chapter I of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened sixty-fourth session (E/2021/28/Add.1).

15. *The draft decision was adopted.*

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice
(E/2021/30/Add.1)

Draft decision II: Organization of the thematic discussions at future sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

16. **The President** drew attention to draft decision II, entitled “Organization of the thematic discussions at future sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, contained in chapter I of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened thirtieth session (E/2021/30/Add.1).

17. *The draft decision was adopted.*

Draft decision III: Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened thirtieth session

18. **The President** drew attention to draft decision III, entitled “Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened thirtieth session”, contained in chapter I of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened thirtieth session (E/2021/30/Add.1).

19. *The draft decision was adopted.*

(d) Narcotic drugs (E/2021/30/Add.1)

Draft decision II: Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened sixty-fourth session

20. **The President** said drew attention to draft decision II, entitled “Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened sixty-fourth session”, contained in chapter I of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened sixty-fourth session (E/2021/28/Add.1).

21. *The draft decision was adopted.*

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.