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Executive summary

During its reconvened thirty-second session, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions, the integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, 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 resolutions [75/290 A](#) and [75/290 B](#), 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-third session.

The Commission recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of two draft decisions, entitled “Appointment of one member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute” and “Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened thirty-second session”. In addition, the Commission adopted resolution 32/2, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2024–2025 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 decisions 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 decisions:

Draft decision I

Appointment of one member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

The Economic and Social Council decides to endorse the appointment of Deborah Lyons (Canada) as member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.

Draft decision II

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened thirty-second session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened thirty-second 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-second 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 32/2

Budget for the biennium 2024–2025 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 proposed budget for the biennium 2024–2025 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund¹ and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative

¹ See [E/CN.7/2023/13-E/CN.15/2023/17](#).

and Budgetary Questions,² 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 faced by the Office 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 with concern also that, despite an increase in special-purpose funding, some challenges remain with regard to the provision by the Office of technical assistance and capacity-building to interested Member States,

1. *Notes* the alignment of the proposed budget with the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the contribution of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development³ and other relevant transformation agendas agreed by Member States;

2. *Also notes* that the budget is based on, inter alia, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Strategy 2021–2025 and the strategy detailed under the proposed programme plan for 2024;⁴

3. *Further notes* that the budget is harmonized with sections 16 and 29F of the proposed programme budget of the United Nations for 2024;⁵

4. *Notes* that the budget focuses on general-purpose funds and also includes special-purpose funds and programme support cost income earned on special-purpose contributions, as well as regular budget resources;

5. *Also notes* that the general-purpose resources of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund are presented as a single budget and that general-purpose expenditure will be apportioned between the two funds in accordance with the income that each generates;

6. *Further notes* that the budget clearly distinguishes between general-purpose funds and programme support cost funds and that it harmonizes the use and management of those two fund categories across the two funds of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

7. *Notes* that the programme support cost resources of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund are presented as a single budget and that programme support cost expenditure will be apportioned between the two funds in accordance with the income that each generates;

8. *Approves* the projected use of general-purpose funds in the biennium 2024–2025, and invites Member States to provide contributions totalling at least 3,666,000 United States dollars;

9. *Endorses* the programme support cost funds and special-purpose estimates as indicated in the table below;

² See E/CN.7/2023/14-E/CN.15/2023/18.

³ General Assembly resolution 70/1.

⁴ See A/78/6 (Sect. 16).

⁵ A/78/6 (Sect. 16) and A/78/6 (Sect. 29F).

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

Fund category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2022–2023 (revised)	2024–2025	2022–2023	2024–2025
General-purpose				
Post	2 330.5	2 423.3	7	7
Non-post	865.0	1 242.7		
Subtotal	3 195.5	3 666.0	7	7
Special-purpose	464 086.7	536 004.2	360	378
Subtotal	464 086.7	536 004.2	360	378
Programme support cost				
Post	24 025.0	37 718.3	66	95
Non-post	4 635.0	10 247.3		
Subtotal	28 660.0	47 965.6	66	95
Total	495 942.2	587 635.8	433	480

10. *Notes* that the resource projections estimated above are subject to the availability of funding and that, in line with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Strategy 2021–2025, programmes and projects should be evaluated by the Independent Evaluation Section of the Office accordingly, upon availability of the respective funding.

Chapter II

Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

3. At its 1st meeting, held jointly with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on 7 December 2023, 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.7/2023/3/Add.1-E/CN.15/2023/3/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.7/2023/12-E/CN.15/2023/16](#));

(c) Report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2024–2025 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2023/13-E/CN.15/2023/17](#));

(d) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2024–2025 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2023/14-E/CN.15/2023/18](#));

(e) Conference room paper on the draft proposed programme plan for 2025 and programme performance for 2023 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2023/CRP.15-E/CN.15/2023/CRP.11](#)).

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 representative of Ghana, in his capacity as 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 Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and by the representative of the European Union, in its capacity as observer, on behalf of the European Union and its member States.

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

8. Statements were also made by the observers for Sweden, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Algeria, Ecuador, Mexico, Türkiye and Tunisia. The observer for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean made a statement. 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. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States and the observers for Israel, Egypt and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements 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 regarding programme development and implementation. It was emphasized that the continued dialogue with the Executive Director and senior management of UNODC allowed for timely responses to the needs and concerns of Member States.

11. Several speakers welcomed the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2024–2025 for UNODC.

12. Several speakers recognized that UNODC had continued to deliver valuable assistance to Member States, while the existing financial challenges of the Office remained. The need for a balanced distribution of resources and fair access to assistance was mentioned by some speakers. Several speakers expressed concern about the continuing decrease in general-purpose and soft-earmarked funding. It was highlighted that adequate, predictable, flexible and sustainable funding was critical for the Office to enhance the provision of technical assistance and capacity-building, in particular in developing countries. Member States were encouraged to consider making non-earmarked contributions. The Office was invited to consider approaches to reduce its dependence on extrabudgetary resources, to strengthen efforts to ensure an innovative and transparent funding model, and to broaden its donor base.

13. Several speakers commended the implementation of the UNODC Strategy 2021–2025, the Strategic Vision for Africa 2030 and the Strategic Vision for Latin America and the Caribbean 2022–2025, as well as the regional programme for South-East Asia and the Pacific (2022–2026). The Office was commended for improving, expanding and diversifying its regional and country programmes and was encouraged to continue its efforts in that regard, in particular in developing countries. It was also emphasized by a number of speakers that sustainable funding should be allocated to country offices to implement the mandates of the Office in the field.

14. UNODC was encouraged to continue its involvement in the United Nations reform efforts, for example by continuing its constructive dialogues with the United Nations resident coordinators, in order to enhance synergies among different United Nations entities and promote a coordinated approach. The need for strengthened partnerships with various United Nations entities, civil society and other relevant stakeholders at the international, regional and national levels in addressing and countering the world drug problem and in preventing and countering crime was stressed.

15. 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, reliable 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.

16. The Office's efforts to increase the accessibility and inclusiveness of intergovernmental meetings by using new technologies and modalities were welcomed. The Office was also called upon to promote multilingualism in the meetings of the intergovernmental bodies.

17. Many speakers expressed their support for the continued efforts by UNODC to improve geographical representation and encouraged the Office to step up measures to further increase the representation of staff from non-represented and underrepresented countries, in particular those from developing countries. It was also emphasized that the basis for candidate selection should be merit and competence, as enshrined in Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations.

18. A number of speakers welcomed the continued efforts by UNODC to improve gender parity, including in the framework of the United Nations Office at Vienna/UNODC Strategy for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (2022–2026). They encouraged UNODC to make further progress towards achieving gender parity, especially at senior management levels, and reiterated their support for gender mainstreaming in all aspects of the Office’s programmatic work.

B. Action taken

19. At its 1st meeting, on 7 December 2023, the Commission elected by acclamation Diego Alonso Simancas Gutiérrez (Mexico) as Vice-Chair of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC for the remaining part of 2023.

20. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 December 2023, the Commission adopted a draft resolution entitled “Budget for the biennium 2024–2025 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund” (E/CN.15/2023/L.9). (For the text of the resolution, see chap. I, sect. B, resolution 32/2.)

21. 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 2024: Eglantina Gjermeni (Albania) as First Vice-Chair, Laura Gabriela Gil Savastano (Colombia) as Vice-Chair, Esther Monterrubio Villar (Spain) as Vice-Chair and Magdi Ahmed Mofadal Elnour (Sudan) as Vice-Chair. The office of the Chair remained vacant.

Chapter III

Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

22. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 December 2023, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered agenda item 6 (e), which read as follows:

“6. Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice:

...

(e) Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies.”

23. For its consideration of item 6 (e), the Commission had before it a note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of one candidate for membership on the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute ([E/CN.15/2023/14](#)).

24. The Chair made an introductory statement.

25. Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, Angola and Peru.

26. A statement was also made by the observer for Azerbaijan. The observer for the Born Free Foundation also made a statement.

A. Deliberations

27. Several speakers expressed concern over the impacts of illicit trafficking in wildlife, such as species extinction, ecosystem damage and public health crises. Several speakers underscored the necessity of addressing gaps in the current international legal framework to prevent and combat illicit trafficking in wildlife, including through an additional protocol to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. Those speakers also emphasized the importance of fostering partnerships and collaboration among Member States, institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, civil society organizations and other stakeholders in the areas of capacity-building, research and policy advocacy to advance global efforts in advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law.

28. Another speaker made reference to the deployment of new and emerging technologies by transnational organized criminal groups for illicit purposes, in particular the misuse of virtual assets and related payment methods. Member States were encouraged to enhance their coordination and strengthen their capacity to undertake financial investigations in that regard.

B. Action taken

29. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 December 2023, the Commission recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the draft decision entitled “Appointment of one member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute”.

Chapter IV

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

30. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 December 2023, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice 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”.

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

32. Statements were made by the representative of Pakistan on behalf of 32 States⁶ and by the representatives of Paraguay, Japan, Morocco, the United States, the Russian Federation and Pakistan.

33. Statements were also made by the observers for Ecuador, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uruguay, Egypt, the Sudan and Türkiye.

34. The observers for Dominicans for Justice and Peace and for the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice also made statements.

Deliberations

35. In a joint statement, a group of delegations condemned religious hatred expressed by any means, noting that it encouraged discrimination, violence and various forms of crime that posed challenges to criminal justice systems.

36. Several speakers noted the impact of transnational organized crime and terrorism on peace and security, as well as their disproportionate impact on vulnerable members of society, including women and girls. Reference was also made to the increasing interlinkages between transnational organized crime, including trafficking in cultural heritage, and terrorism financing, as well as to the use of information and communications technologies for criminal activities.

37. Some speakers highlighted national efforts to implement the commitments contained in the Kyoto Declaration on Advancing Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law: Towards the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the Fourteenth Congress, including in the area of prison reform and in addressing organized crime and terrorism. In that regard, some speakers highlighted cooperation with UNODC through technical assistance and capacity-building. Appreciation was expressed to the Office for its operational work in the field to enhance the maritime law enforcement capacity of coastguards and law enforcement agencies through its Global Maritime Crime Programme.

38. Several speakers recognized the importance of the Kyoto Declaration in building a diverse and inclusive society, based on the principle of leaving no one behind, in promoting the rule of law and in advancing the 2030 Agenda. UNODC was commended for organizing the three rounds of intersessional thematic discussions on the implementation of the Declaration, focusing on its four pillars,

⁶ Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, China, Côte d’Ivoire, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen, as well as the State of Palestine.

as the discussions had facilitated the exchange of information, good practices and lessons learned.

39. Reference was also made to ongoing work to develop United Nations model strategies on reducing reoffending by an intergovernmental expert group meeting supported by the Secretariat.

40. Several speakers congratulated the United Arab Emirates as the host of the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and emphasized that the Fifteenth Congress would play a critical role in fostering the exchange of views among Member States, international organizations, civil society organizations and experts to advance crime prevention and criminal justice efforts. Reference was made to the discussion guide under preparation, which was to serve as the basis for discussions in the regional preparatory meetings as well as the Fifteenth Congress itself. Some speakers also emphasized the importance of strengthening multi-stakeholder engagement for the Congress, for example, through the organization of ancillary meetings.

Chapter V

Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolutions 75/290 A and 75/290 B, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

41. At its 1st meeting, held jointly with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on 7 December 2023, and at its 2nd meeting, on 8 December 2023, 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 resolutions 75/290 A and 75/290 B, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.
42. The Chair made an introductory statement.
43. A statement was made by the representative of China.

Deliberations

44. The Chair 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 and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
45. The importance of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in advancing the 2030 Agenda through the lens of crime prevention and criminal justice was emphasized. Reference was also made to national efforts in advancing the 2030 Agenda.

Chapter VI

Provisional agenda for the thirty-third session of the Commission

46. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 December 2023, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered agenda item 11, entitled “Provisional agenda for the thirty-third 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-third session.

47. No statements were made under agenda item 11.

A. Deliberations

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

48. The Chair recalled that the extended Bureau had recommended 13 to 17 May 2024 as the dates for the regular part of the thirty-third session of the Commission and 5 and 6 December 2024 as the dates for the reconvened thirty-third session. The extended Bureau had also recommended that pre-session informal consultations be held on 10 May 2024.

49. The Chair mentioned that the extended Bureau had recommended that the pre-session informal consultations scheduled for 10 May 2024 be conducted in English only, in order to maximize efficiency in the use of interpretation resources.

50. The Chair also recalled that, as announced during the meeting of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC on 16 November 2023, remote simultaneous interpretation technology would be suspended for formal meetings with interpretation as from January 2024, pending a decision on dedicated funding for the provision of such interpretation services by the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly.

51. 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. The deadline for submitting draft resolutions for the thirty-third session would be set for 15 April 2024 at noon.

2. Thematic discussion

52. The Chair recalled that the topic for the thematic discussion to be held during the regular part of the session of the Commission in 2024 would be “Promoting international cooperation and technical assistance to prevent and address organized crime, corruption, terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and other forms of crime, including in the areas of extradition, mutual legal assistance and asset recovery”.

53. 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 each 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

54. 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.

55. The Chair recalled that on 23 November 2023 the extended Bureau had recommended holding the workshop in parallel to the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on the first day of the regular part of the session and utilizing the interpretation entitlement for the Committee of the Whole.

4. Integration of the main theme of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development for 2024

56. 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-third 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 2024, which would be “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”.

5. Side events and exhibitions

57. The Chair informed the Commission that the guidelines for side events and exhibitions to be held during the thirty-third session had been shared with all Member States on 4 December 2023 and that the application period for side events and exhibitions would be from 28 February to 12 March 2024.

6. Provisional agenda for the thirty-third session

58. The Chair recalled that the draft provisional agenda for the thirty-third session, as contained in the report of the Commission on its thirty-second session, had been approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2023/330.

B. Action taken

59. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 December 2023, the Commission decided on the dates, deadlines and arrangements for its thirty-third session as set out in paragraphs 48–57 above.

Chapter VII

Other business

60. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 December 2023, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered agenda item 12, entitled “Other business”. No issues were raised under the agenda item.

Chapter VIII

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

61. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 December 2023, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice adopted the parts of its draft report on the organization of the reconvened session and administrative matters (E/CN.15/2023/L.1/Add.9) and on agenda item 4, on strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (E/CN.15/2023/L.1/Add.10). The Commission also recommended a draft decision, introduced by the Chair, on the report of the Commission on its reconvened thirty-second 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 IX

Organization of the reconvened session and administrative matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

62. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held its reconvened thirty-second session in Vienna on 7 and 8 December 2023.

63. 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.

64. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held two meetings during its reconvened thirty-second 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.

65. 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

66. The organizational arrangements for the reconvened thirty-second session had been endorsed by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice by means of a silence procedure on 9 November 2023. In accordance with those arrangements, the session was conducted in a hybrid format (in person and online).

67. The reconvened thirty-second session was attended by representatives of 36 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.15/2023/INF/3](#).

C. Election of officers

68. On 17 November 2023, the Group of African States nominated Azzedine Farhane (Morocco) to replace Mary Mugwanja (Kenya) as Chair.

69. At its 1st meeting, on 7 December, the Commission elected Mr. Farhane as Chair.

D. Documentation

70. The documents before the Commission at its reconvened thirty-second session are listed in conference room paper E/CN.15/2023/CRP.10/Add.1.

E. Closure of the session

71. At the 2nd meeting, on 8 December 2023, a closing statement was made by the Chair of the Commission. A statement was also made by the observer for the Sudan.
