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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In its resolution 2003/31, entitled “Functioning of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from 2004, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should, at the end of each session, elect its Bureau for the subsequent session and should encourage the Bureau to play an active role in the preparation of the regular session as well as the informal intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened thirty-first session, on 9 December 2022, opened its thirty-second session for the sole purpose of electing its Bureau for that session. The Commission elected the Chair, the Second Vice-Chair, the Third Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur. The office of the First Vice-Chair remained vacant. The Commission is expected to elect the remaining officer during its consideration of item 1 of the present provisional agenda.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the thirty-second session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	African States	Mary Wangui Mugwanja (Kenya)
First Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	(<i>vacant</i>)
Second Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Laura Faxas de Jorgensen (Dominican Republic)
Third Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Götz Volker Carl Schmidt-Bremme (Germany)
Rapporteur	Asia-Pacific States	Jun Yamazaki (Japan)

A group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of, or observer for, the State holding the Presidency of the European Union has been established to assist the Chair of the Commission and to participate in the meetings of the Bureau, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In its decision 2022/339, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its thirty-first session and approved the provisional agenda for the thirty-second session of the Commission. In its decision 2022/317, entitled “Organization of the thematic discussions at future sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, the Council decided on the theme for the thematic discussions to be held during the thirty-second session of the Commission.

As agreed by the Commission at its reconvened thirty-first session, the thirty-second session of the Commission will be held from 22 to 26 May 2023, with pre-session informal consultations to be held on 19 May 2023, the working day preceding the first day of the session.

Draft resolutions should be submitted as early as possible in order to enable productive discussions during the pre-session consultations. In accordance with Commission 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 is an official United Nations holiday, the Commission decided that the firm deadline would be Tuesday, 25 April 2023, at noon.

As noted by the Commission at its reconvened thirty-first session, for several years, a workshop organized by the institutes comprising the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network has been held during the first meeting of the Committee of the Whole, prior to its consideration of draft resolutions. The workshop will be chaired by a member of the Bureau, and the topic will be related to the prominent theme of the thirty-second session of the Commission.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/259, the Commission will hold its reconvened thirty-second session concurrently with the reconvened sixty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on 7 and 8 December 2023.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission may wish to establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work for the thirty-second session. The proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda ([E/CN.15/2023/1](#))

3. General debate

During the regular part of its thirty-first session, the Commission decided to include a general debate in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session.

At the reconvened thirty-first session, the Chair 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 are encouraged to link their statements at the thirty-second session, in particular during the general debate, to the main theme of the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development for 2023, namely, “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels”.

The list of speakers for the general debate will be opened on 2 May 2023 and closed on 15 May 2023. For the purpose of finalizing the list of speakers, only a distinction between cabinet-rank ministerial-level representatives and other speakers will be made. The list of speakers for those two groups will be established on a first-come, first-served basis.

A maximum of three minutes of speaking time (which is equivalent to a statement of approximately 300 words) will be allotted to those speaking in their national capacity, and five minutes will be allotted to the Chairs of the regional groups.

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**

For its consideration of item 4, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) ([E/CN.7/2023/2-E/CN.15/2023/2](#)), which contains information on the strategic orientation of and the progress made by the Office in implementing its mandates with regard to the five thematic areas outlined in the UNODC Strategy 2021–2025: (a) addressing and countering the world drug problem; (b) preventing and countering organized crime; (c) preventing and countering corruption and economic crime; (d) preventing and countering terrorism; and (e) crime prevention and criminal justice. The report also provides information on the activities undertaken with regard to strengthening UNODC (inter alia, measures relating to United Nations reform and results-based management; partnerships; research, evidence-based policy and data analysis; communication; resource mobilization; cross-cutting commitments; and organizational culture) and a number of recommendations for consideration by the Commission.

At its thirty-second session, the Commission will also have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC ([E/CN.7/2023/3-E/CN.15/2023/3](#)).

At its reconvened thirty-first session, 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”. In that resolution, the Commission, inter alia, noted with concern the financial challenges faced by UNODC 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, and noted the importance for UNODC of broadening its donor base. The Commission also noted the importance of continued consultations within the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC on any proposals that would alter the funding model of the Office, as well as the continued strong donor confidence in programme delivery by UNODC and its involvement in the United Nations reform streams.

At the same session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2022/16-E/CN.15/2022/16](#)) and a conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on the draft proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance for 2022 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2022/CRP.16-E/CN.15/2022/CRP.9](#)). The draft proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance for 2022 were

subsequently transmitted to the Office of Programme Planning, Finance and Budget at United Nations Headquarters.

At its thirty-second session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the draft proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance for 2022 ([E/CN.7/2023/10-E/CN.15/2023/12](#)).

At its reconvened thirty-first session, the Commission also considered the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within UNODC ([E/CN.7/2022/15-E/CN.15/2022/15](#)).

At its thirty-second session, the Commission may wish to continue discussing the efforts undertaken by UNODC to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular in the Professional and higher categories, and to achieve the goal of a 50/50 gender balance, in accordance with Commission resolutions 24/3, 25/4, 26/5, 27/1, 28/4, 29/1 and 30/3.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2023/2-E/CN.15/2023/2](#))

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-E/CN.15/2023/3](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the draft proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance for 2022 ([E/CN.7/2023/10-E/CN.15/2023/12](#))

5. Thematic discussion on enhancing the functioning of the criminal justice system to ensure access to justice and to realize a safe and secure society

Following the recommendation by the Commission at the time of its reconvened thirtieth session, the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2022/317, entitled “Organization of the thematic discussions at future sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, decided that the prominent theme for the thematic discussion to be held during the thirty-second session would be “Enhancing the functioning of the criminal justice system to ensure access to justice and to realize a safe and secure society”.

On 17 January 2023, the extended Bureau agreed that the Commission would hold the thematic discussion on the overall theme without sub-themes.

In line with Commission decision 18/1, entitled “Guidelines for the thematic discussions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, the thematic discussion will begin with a panel discussion, followed by an interactive debate with interventions from the floor.

For its consideration of the item, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing the guide for the thematic discussion ([E/CN.15/2023/6](#)).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the guide for the thematic discussion on enhancing the functioning of the criminal justice system to ensure access to justice and to realize a safe and secure society ([E/CN.15/2023/6](#))

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

(a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

In its resolution 77/237, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto represented the most important tools of the international community for fighting transnational organized crime, including cybercrime, noted with appreciation that the number of States parties had reached 190, and recalled in that respect resolution 10/4 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, in which the Conference had emphasized the continued relevance of the Convention, including in countering new, emerging and evolving forms of transnational organized crime.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly welcomed the progress made by States parties in their participation in the review process of the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, in accordance with resolution 10/1 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and urged States parties to continue to actively participate in and support the review process.

Also in the same resolution, the General Assembly encouraged States parties to the Organized Crime Convention to submit case law, legislation and other relevant responses to the knowledge management portal known as Sharing Electronic Resources and Laws on Crime (SHERLOC).

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 77/237 will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2023/4](#)).

(b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

In its resolution 77/237, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”, the General Assembly welcomed the thirty-second special session of the Assembly, held at United Nations Headquarters from 2 to 4 June 2021, at which the Assembly had adopted a political declaration entitled “Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation”.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly urged States parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption to continue to provide full support to the review mechanism adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, welcomed the progress made under the second cycle of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the Convention and noted with appreciation that the number of States parties had reached 188.

Also in the same resolution, the General Assembly took note of the creation of the Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities under the auspices of UNODC and encouraged States to participate in and make best use of the Network, as appropriate.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 77/237 will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2023/4](#)).

(c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism

In its resolution 77/237, the General Assembly, inter alia, called upon Member States to strengthen cooperation at the international, regional, subregional and bilateral levels to counter the threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters. In the same resolution, the Assembly called upon Member States to address the threat posed by radicalization to terrorism in prisons and called upon the United Nations, especially UNODC, to continue to support Member States in that regard in cooperation and coordination with the Office of Counter-Terrorism and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities.

In its resolution 76/187, the General Assembly called upon UNODC to further enhance technical assistance, upon request, for building the capacity of Member States to become party to and implement the international conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism, including through targeted programmes and the training of relevant criminal justice and law enforcement officials, upon request, and the development of technical tools and publications, within its mandate.

In its resolution 75/145, entitled “Measures to eliminate international terrorism”, the General Assembly called upon all Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as well as the resolutions relating to the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth biennial reviews of the Strategy, in all its aspects at the international, regional, subregional and national levels without delay, including by mobilizing resources and expertise.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly urged all States that had not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the relevant conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism and called upon all States to enact, as appropriate, the national legislation necessary to implement the provisions of those conventions and protocols and to cooperate with and provide support and assistance to other States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to that end.

Also in the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC to continue its efforts to enhance, through its mandate, the capabilities of the United Nations in the prevention of terrorism.

In its resolution 74/175, entitled “Technical assistance provided by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime related to counter-terrorism”, the General Assembly requested UNODC to strengthen the provision of technical assistance to Member States, upon request, related to collecting, analysing, preserving, storing, using and sharing forensic and electronic evidence for the investigation and prosecution of terrorism and terrorism-related offences and related to enhancing mutual legal assistance in that regard.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 77/237, 76/187, 75/145 and 74/175 will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism ([E/CN.15/2023/5](#)).

(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters

In its resolution 76/187, the General Assembly invited the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with UNODC and with the involvement of relevant stakeholders, to hold, within existing resources and during the seventy-sixth session, a high-level debate on the theme “Enhancing youth mainstreaming in crime prevention policies” and to prepare a summary of the discussion for transmission to the Commission and to all Member States.

Pursuant to that resolution, a high-level debate was convened by the President of the General Assembly on 6 June 2022, in cooperation with UNODC and with the involvement of relevant stakeholders. A summary of the discussion was prepared by

the President for transmission to the Commission and to all Member States. The summary will be brought to the attention of the Commission at its thirty-second session in the form of a conference room paper (E/CN.15/2023/CRP.1).

In its resolution 77/237, the General Assembly encouraged States to continue to build on the discussions of important forums such as the high-level debate of the Assembly on the theme “Enhancing youth mainstreaming in crime prevention policies” and urged UNODC to continue to support Member States, upon request, in developing comprehensive efforts to address the vulnerabilities of children and youth in contact with the criminal justice system as well as to empower youth to become active agents of positive change in their communities to support crime prevention efforts.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly also invited Member States to integrate child- and youth-related issues into their criminal justice reform efforts, recognizing the importance of protecting children from all forms of violence, exploitation and abuse, consistent with the obligations of parties under relevant international instruments, and to develop comprehensive child-sensitive justice policies focused on the best interests of the child, consistent with the principle that the deprivation of liberty of children should be used only as a measure of last resort and for the shortest appropriate period of time.

In its resolution 31/1, entitled “Strengthening the international legal framework for international cooperation to prevent and combat illicit trafficking in wildlife”, the Commission invited Member States to provide UNODC with their views on possible responses to address any gaps that may exist in the current international legal framework to prevent and combat illicit trafficking in wildlife, as well as with their experiences, good practices and challenges in terms of preventing and combating illicit trafficking in wildlife, and their national legislation in that sphere.

In the same resolution, the Commission invited Member States that are parties to the Organized Crime Convention to provide UNODC with information on the use of the Convention as an international legal instrument to address illicit trafficking in wildlife, taking into account relevant resolutions in that regard. At its thirty-second session, the Commission will, within existing reporting obligations, be informed by the secretariat about the implementation of resolution of 31/1.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 76/187 and 77/237 and Commission resolution 31/1 will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2023/4).

(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

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56, the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, under the guidance of the Commission (as the successor to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, pursuant to Council resolution 1992/1), is to undertake relevant activities, including formulating principles, policies and guidelines for the activities of the Institute and reporting periodically to the Council through the Commission. A note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees will be made available to the Commission (E/CN.15/2023/8).

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2023/7).

Under this agenda item, the Commission will also be requested to consider candidates proposed for election to the Board of Trustees of the Institute.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2023/2-E/CN.15/2023/2](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2023/4](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism ([E/CN.15/2023/5](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network ([E/CN.15/2023/7](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute ([E/CN.15/2023/8](#))

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](#))

7. Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice

In section VII of its resolution 1992/22, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should include in its agenda a standing item on existing United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including their use and application.

In its resolution 2003/30, the Economic and Social Council decided to group those United Nations standards and norms into categories for the purpose of targeted collection of information and requested UNODC, in collaboration with the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to provide support to Member States requesting assistance with the use and application of those United Nations standards and norms.

In its resolution 77/232, entitled “Reducing reoffending through rehabilitation and reintegration”, the General Assembly encouraged Member States to promote a rehabilitative environment in correctional facilities and in the community. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested UNODC, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to convene a meeting of an open-ended intergovernmental expert group, with a view to developing model strategies on reducing reoffending that could serve as useful tools for Member States, taking into consideration relevant provisions in the existing United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, current developments, research and tools, written contributions from Member States and, without prejudice, the output of the online expert group meeting held from 6 to 8 April 2022.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly encouraged Member States to share with UNODC, through written contributions, information on promising practices for possible inclusion in draft model strategies on reducing reoffending, for consideration by the open-ended intergovernmental expert group. The Assembly also requested UNODC, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to support the efforts of Member States to reduce reoffending through the promotion of rehabilitative environments and reintegration by providing technical assistance, including material support, upon request, to Member States, in particular developing countries, taking into account their needs and priorities, as well as challenges and restrictions.

In its resolution 77/237, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”, the General Assembly encouraged all States to have national and local action plans for crime prevention in order to take into account, in a comprehensive, integrated and participatory manner, inter alia, factors that place certain populations and places at higher risk of victimization and/or of offending, and to ensure that such plans were

based on the best available evidence and good practices, and stressed that crime prevention should be considered an integral element of strategies to foster social and economic development in all States. In the same resolution, the Assembly recommended that Member States adopt multisectoral crime prevention policies and programmes for youth and increase their meaningful and inclusive participation therein, including through sport and education.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly called upon Member States to implement, when appropriate, the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules), bearing in mind their spirit and purpose, and to intensify their efforts to address the challenge of prison overcrowding through appropriate criminal justice reforms, which should include, where appropriate, a review of penal policies and practical measures to reduce pretrial detention, to enhance the use of non-custodial sanctions and measures and to improve access to legal aid to the extent possible, and requested UNODC to continue to provide technical assistance to Member States, upon request, in that respect.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly invited Member States to mainstream a gender perspective into their criminal justice systems, including by the use of non-custodial measures for women, when appropriate, and by improving the treatment of women prisoners, taking into consideration the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules), and by developing and implementing national strategies and plans to promote the full protection of women and girls from all acts of violence and to strengthen the crime prevention and criminal justice response to the gender-related killing of women and girls, in particular by taking measures to support the practical capacity of Member States to prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish all forms of such crime.

The Commission will have before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat for the open-ended intergovernmental expert group on model strategies on reducing reoffending (E/CN.15/2023/13).

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 77/232 and 77/237 will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2023/9).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2023/9)

Working paper prepared by the Secretariat for the open-ended intergovernmental expert group on model strategies on reducing reoffending (E/CN.15/2023/13)

8. World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

Understanding and knowledge of crime trends and criminal justice indicators support effective policy formulation, operational response and impact assessment in the area of crime prevention. Regular, international data-collection activities on crime trends and criminal justice and relevant analysis were mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/152 and by the Economic and Social Council in its resolutions 1984/48, 1990/18, 1996/11 and 1997/27.

In its resolution 77/237, the General Assembly requested UNODC to continue to develop, in close cooperation with Member States, technical and methodological tools and trend analyses and studies to enhance knowledge of crime trends and support Member States in designing appropriate responses in specific areas of crime, in particular in their transnational dimension and in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals, taking into account the need to make the best possible use of existing resources.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly reiterated its invitation to Member States to gradually adopt the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes and to strengthen national statistical systems of criminal justice, requested UNODC, within its existing mandate, to continue to strengthen the regular collection, analysis and dissemination of accurate, reliable, timely and comparable data and information, including, as appropriate, real-time data, and data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant criteria, and strongly encouraged Member States to share such data and information with the Office.

In its resolution 77/233, entitled “Strengthening national and international efforts, including with the private sector, to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse”, the General Assembly encouraged Member States to adopt legislative and other measures to prevent and protect children from violence and harm, including online sexual exploitation and abuse, including by considering measures, suitable for their domestic contexts, requiring the prevention, detection, reporting and removal of online child sexual exploitation and abuse materials, including technology-facilitated solicitation, online grooming and the hosting of child sexual abuse materials on online servers.

In the same resolution, Member States were called upon to exchange information and insights on their respective domestic legislation, policies, procedures and practices, as well as their experience and knowledge, including with regard to national reporting regimes for online child sexual exploitation and abuse materials, to allow cross-jurisdictional collaboration and to foster best practices.

The Commission will have before it the note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2023/10](#)).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2023/2-E/CN.15/2023/2](#))

Note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2023/10](#))

9. 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

The Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held in Kyoto, Japan, from 7 to 12 March 2021. The Congress adopted the Kyoto Declaration on Advancing Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law: Towards the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In its resolution 76/181, entitled “Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, the General Assembly endorsed the Kyoto Declaration and requested the Commission to review the implementation of the Kyoto Declaration under the standing item on its agenda 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 its resolution 77/231, the General Assembly requested the Commission, in accordance with its mandate, to continue implementing the appropriate policy and operational measures for the follow-up to the Kyoto Declaration, including through the holding of intersessional thematic discussions to facilitate the sharing of information, good practices and lessons learned among Member States and relevant stakeholders, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Following the first round of thematic discussions, which was held in November 2021 and focused on the first pillar of the Kyoto Declaration, on advancing crime prevention,

the second round of thematic discussions was held from 5 to 7 December 2022 and was devoted to the second pillar of the Declaration, on advancing the criminal justice system.

In its resolution 77/231, the General Assembly decided to hold the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2026. The Assembly also invited Member States to provide their suggestions in relation to the overall theme, the agenda items and the topics for the workshops for the Fifteenth Congress and requested the Secretary-General to include those suggestions in the report on the follow-up to the Fourteenth Congress and preparations for the Fifteenth Congress to be submitted to the Commission at its thirty-second session.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Commission to approve at its thirty-second session the overall theme, the agenda items and the topics for the workshops for the Fifteenth Congress.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the 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 ([E/CN.15/2023/11](#)).

It will also have before it a conference room paper containing the Chair's summary of the thematic session on the implementation of the Kyoto Declaration held from 5 to 7 December 2022 ([E/CN.15/2023/CRP.2](#)).

The session will also provide the opportunity for Member States to express formal interest in hosting the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the 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 ([E/CN.15/2023/11](#))

10. 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

At its twenty-fourth session, in May 2015, the Commission decided to include a standing item on its agenda focusing on its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1. In accordance with that resolution, the Commission has been contributing, as appropriate, to the work of the Council relating to the common themes of the annual framework of the Council.

In September 2015, by its resolution 70/1, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", the General Assembly adopted the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda. In that outcome document, Heads of State and Government and High Representatives envisaged that thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, would take place at the high-level political forum on sustainable development and that those reviews would be supported by reviews by the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums.

In its resolution 72/305, on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, the Assembly requested the Council to improve its outcomes and the outcomes of its subsidiary bodies, making them more relevant, coherent and solution-oriented to

address implementation challenges and ensuring their follow-up so as to strengthen the impact of the work of the Council.

The Commission has been considering specific action points for the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, stemming from the annex to General Assembly resolution 72/305, which were brought to the attention of the Commission at its reconvened twenty-seventh session, in the form of a conference room paper.

At its reconvened thirtieth session, the Commission considered a conference room paper containing information on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/290 A on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.7/2021/CRP.14-E/CN.15/2021/CRP.8). The resolution established a new coordination segment, replacing the integration segment and the informal meeting of the Council with the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies. The new coordination segment is intended to steer the Council system towards an efficient and integrated workflow, to provide guidance and coordination to subsidiary bodies, ensuring a clearer division of labour among them, and to develop action-oriented assessment and recommendations so that those bodies best contribute to the preparations for the thematic review of the high-level political forum. In 2023, the coordination segment was held on 1 and 2 February at United Nations Headquarters.

In the annex to General Assembly resolution 75/290 A, it was stated that the Economic and Social Council should continue to strengthen its oversight, guidance and coordination role of its subsidiary bodies as outlined in paragraphs 28 and 29 of the annex to Assembly resolution 72/305. In addition, the President and Bureau of the Council were invited to work with the bureaux of its subsidiary bodies and in consultation with delegations during the 2022 session of the Council, so as to identify possible actions to be taken to implement the provisions on enhancing the work of subsidiary bodies contained in paragraphs 28 and 29 of the annex to Assembly resolution 72/305.

The Commission took on an active role in the review by the Economic and Social Council of its functional commissions and expert bodies mandated by General Assembly resolution 75/290 A, and submitted an assessment of its work to the Council in April 2022. In its decision 2022/334, the Council took note of the summary of the Vice-President of the Council on the review, as contained in a letter dated 27 May 2022 from the Vice-President to all Member States, and invited the President and Bureau of the Council, the Chairs and bureaux of the functional commissions and expert bodies of the Council, all Member States and the Secretariat to implement, to the extent possible within existing mandates and resources, the recommendations contained in the summary. The Council will review the implementation of the recommendations at its 2026 session. At its reconvened thirty-first session, the Commission considered a conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on the Council's review (E/CN.7/2022/CRP.17-E/CN.15/2022/CRP.10).

The high-level political forum on sustainable development will be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in New York from 10 to 19 July 2023. The thematic focus will be "Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels". As in past years, the Commission will continue to provide substantive input to the high-level political forum.

The Commission may wish to use its thirty-second session to further consider how it can best contribute to the follow-up to, and support the review of, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, within its mandates, in particular in the lead-up to the Sustainable Development Goals Summit, scheduled to be held in September 2023, as well as how to further enhance synergies between its work and that of other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. The Commission may also wish to discuss its implementation of the recommendations stemming from the Council's review of its functional commissions and expert bodies mandated by General Assembly resolution 75/290 A.

11. Provisional agenda for the thirty-third session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its thirty-third session.

12. Other business

No issues to be raised under item 12 have come to the attention of the Secretariat.

13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-second session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its thirty-second session on 26 May 2023, the last day of the session.

In its decision 2011/257, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should make efforts to reduce the length of its annual reports, bearing in mind the need for such reports to include resolutions and decisions adopted or transmitted by the Commission at its sessions, as well as briefer summaries of its deliberations under each agenda item, focusing in particular on policy findings and conclusions reached. The Commission reaffirmed that commitment in its decisions 21/1 and 22/2.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

1. The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been concluded, the following one will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.
2. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 22 May, to the morning of Friday, 26 May 2023. A workshop relating to the theme of the thematic discussion (“Enhancing the functioning of the criminal justice system to ensure access to justice and to realize a safe and secure society”), organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to be chaired by a member of the Bureau, will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 22 May, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals.
3. At its reconvened thirty-first session, the Commission decided that informal pre-session consultations would be held on Friday, 19 May 2023. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, inter alia, a preliminary review of the draft resolutions to be considered by the Commission at its thirty-second session, and other matters.
4. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before they are submitted to the plenary. States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the thirty-second session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible but not after noon on Tuesday, 25 April 2023. To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions be submitted to the Secretariat in electronic form.
5. In the light of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation, the session will be held in a hybrid format, combining an in-person component with online participation. The meetings of the plenary and the Committee of the Whole will be held in parallel. For speakers participating in person, interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations will be available. For speakers participating online, interpretation into the six official languages will be available for a total duration of up to 30 minutes during each three-hour meeting, in line with the guidance on remote interpretation arrangements received from the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. If more speakers ask for the floor to participate online after the 30 minutes are exhausted, those speakers will be given the floor during the next meeting. More details on the organizational arrangements have been made available on the website of the Commission.¹

Informal pre-session consultations, 19 May 2023

Date and time

Friday, 19 May 2023

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (<i>continued</i>)

¹ See www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/session/32_Session_2023/32CCPCJ_Main.html.

Thirty-second session, 22–26 May 2023

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
Monday, 22 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Opening of the session Item 1. Election of officers Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters Item 3. General debate	
3–6 p.m.	Item 3. General debate (<i>continued</i>)	Workshop organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network relating to the topic of the thematic discussion
Tuesday, 23 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 5. Thematic discussion on enhancing the functioning of the criminal justice system to ensure access to justice and to realize a safe and secure society	Consideration of draft resolutions
3–6 p.m.	Item 5. Thematic discussion (<i>continued</i>)	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 24 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 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 (UNODC) (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 UNODC and other related matters	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	Item 6. Integration and coordination of efforts by UNODC and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
	(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters	
	(e) Other activities in support of the work of UNODC, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies	
Thursday, 25 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 7. Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
	Item 8. World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice	
3–6 p.m.	Item 9. 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	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 26 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 10. 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	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
	Item 11. Provisional agenda for the thirty-third session of the Commission	
3–6 p.m.	Item 12. Other business	
	Item 13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-second session	