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 - (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions.

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 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 preparations of the regular as well as the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the officers of the Commission hold office until their successors are elected and they are eligible for re-election.

In accordance with section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened fifty-second session, on 2 December 2009, opened its fifty-third session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission endorsed the election of the Chairperson, the Second Vice-Chairperson, the Third Vice-Chairperson and the Rapporteur.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers of the fifty-third session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chairperson	Group of Asian States	Ali Asghar Soltanieh (Islamic Republic of Iran)
First Vice-Chairperson	Group of Eastern European States	<i>(to be nominated)</i>
Second Vice-Chairperson	Group of Western European and Other States	Alberto Groff (Switzerland)
Third Vice-Chairperson	Group of Latin American and Caribbean States	Julio Cesar Zelner Gonçalves (Brazil)
Rapporteur	Group of African States	Hypolite Koffi Yeboué (Côte d'Ivoire)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39 and established practice, a group composed of the chairpersons of the five regional groups, the Chairperson of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union assists the Chairperson of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the officers, constitutes the extended Bureau foreseen in Council resolution 1991/39.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the normative functions of the Commission should be made distinct from its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and that, to that end, the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments as follows:

(a) A normative segment, during which the Commission would discharge its treaty-based and normative functions, including mandates received from the General Assembly and the Council, and deal with emerging drug control issues;

(b) An operational segment, during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the Office and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Office.

The provisional agenda for the fifty-third session of the Commission (E/CN.7/2010/1) has been structured to comply with Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30.

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 2009/248, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its fifty-second session and approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-third session of the Commission. At its fifty-second session, the Commission did not make a recommendation to the Council on the theme for the thematic debate of the fifty-third session of the Commission (item 3 of the provisional agenda). Thus, the provisional agenda approved by the Council did not contain a theme for the thematic debate, that matter being left for the Commission to finalize during the intersessional period.

At the intersessional meeting held on 11 September 2009, the Commission decided that its fifty-third session would be held from 8 to 12 March 2010 and that informal consultations on, inter alia, draft resolutions to be considered at its fifty-third session, as well as the draft provisional agenda and the theme for the thematic debate of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, would be held prior to the commencement of its regular session on 5 March 2010. It further decided that the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions should be Monday, 8 March 2010, at noon. At the intersessional meeting, the Commission urged States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-third session to submit them to the Secretariat one month prior to the commencement of the session in accordance with established practice.

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

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.7/2010/1)

Normative segment

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- (a) Effective means of raising awareness about the risks of abusing drugs, including cannabis, giving special attention to addressing in a comprehensive manner the specific needs of women, men, youth and children;**
 - (b) Measures to improve the understanding of drug addiction as a chronic but treatable multifactorial health disorder;**
 - (c) Regional and interregional cooperation;**
 - (d) Importance of research and the collection, reporting and analysis of data for raising awareness about the world drug problem.**

At its fifty-second session, the Commission decided to hold a thematic debate at its fifty-third session and agreed that the theme and subthemes of the thematic debate, to be included in the provisional agenda, would be identified at intersessional meetings of the Commission to be held in Vienna.

At its fourth intersessional meeting, held on 11 September 2009, the Commission was informed that its extended Bureau, at its eleventh meeting held on 8 September 2009, had considered a series of proposals put forward by regional groups and Member States, including a proposal by a regional group that was intended to incorporate elements of all the proposals that had been put forward. At that meeting of the extended Bureau, the chairpersons of the regional groups were encouraged to continue consultations on the basis of that proposal with a view to deciding on a theme and subthemes that the Commission could endorse at its intersessional meeting on 11 September 2009.

At that intersessional meeting, the Commission agreed that open-ended informal consultations among interested delegations should be conducted in order to determine the theme and subthemes of the thematic debate. The Rapporteur of the fifty-second session facilitated those informal consultations and reported on their outcome at the twelfth meeting of the extended Bureau, held on 23 November 2009. As recommended by the extended Bureau, the Commission endorsed that outcome at its fifth intersessional meeting.

At that same intersessional meeting, the Commission agreed that the one-day thematic debate would be held on the second day of its fifty-third session, as per established practice, and that subthemes (a) and (b) of the thematic debate would be considered in the morning meeting and subthemes (c) and (d) would be taken up in the afternoon meeting. The Commission also agreed that no more than 10 panellists should participate in the thematic debate; that two panellists should be nominated per regional group, one for the morning meeting and one for the afternoon meeting; that the names of the nominated panellists should be communicated by the Chairpersons of the regional groups to the Chairperson of the Commission, through the Secretariat, by the end of December 2009; and that the arrangements for the thematic debate would be those adopted by the Commission for such debates during its previous three sessions.

The theme and subthemes, as well as arrangements, for the thematic debate of the fifty-third session of the Commission were brought to the attention of the Commission at its reconvened fifty-second session, held on 1 and 2 December 2009, as reflected in its report (E/2009/28/Add.1). No documentation is envisaged for this agenda item.

4. Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

Pursuant to its resolution 63/197, on 5 November 2009 the General Assembly considered the results of the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission.

In its resolution 64/182, the General Assembly, welcoming the outcome of the high-level segment, adopted the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect. II.A.) as adopted at the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and called upon States to take the necessary measures to fully implement the actions set out therein, with a view to attaining in a timely manner their goals and targets.

In adopting the Plan of Action, Member States recognized that the Plan constituted an integral part of and complemented the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex), the Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development (Assembly resolution S-20/4 E) and the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction (Assembly resolution 54/132, annex).

Member States committed themselves to effectively implementing the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action through resolute international cooperation, in collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations, with the full assistance of the international financial institutions and other relevant agencies and in cooperation with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, as well as the private and public sectors, and to reporting biennially to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the efforts to fully implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, and also considered it necessary for the Commission to include on its agenda a separate item on follow-up to the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action.

In the Political Declaration, Member States decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, should conduct a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action. The General Assembly, in its resolution 64/182, recommended that the Economic and Social Council devote one of its high-level segments to a theme related to the world drug problem and that the Assembly hold a special session to address the world drug problem. No documentation is envisaged for this agenda item.

5. Improving the collection, reporting and analysis of data to monitor the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

Pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/12, entitled “Improving the collection, reporting and analysis of data to monitor the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem”, an open-ended intergovernmental expert group meeting will be held in Vienna from 12 to 15 January 2010 in order to review the current data collection tools and collection, collation, analysis and reporting processes. The review will be based on a number of general considerations, including the need to design a simple and efficient reporting system that encourages more Member States to report on their efforts and achievements in illicit drug control, as well as provide information on the nature and extent of the world drug situation.

In its resolution 52/12, the Commission requested the open-ended intergovernmental expert group to submit to it, at its fifty-third session, for consideration and possible adoption, a revised set of data collection tools and mechanisms for the collection, collation, analysis and reporting of data. A note by the Secretariat containing a revised set of data collection tools and mechanisms for the collection, collation, analysis and reporting of data, prepared by the expert group on data collection, will be before the Commission for its consideration.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the revised set of data collection tools and mechanisms for the collection, collation, analysis and reporting of data, prepared by the expert group on data collection (E/CN.7/2010/15 and Add. 1-4)

6. Drug demand reduction: world situation with regard to drug abuse

At its fifty-first session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs considered the fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2 and Add.1-6), which included the follow-up on, inter alia, the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction. In its resolution 51/4, entitled “Preparations for the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, relating to the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly”, the Commission resolved that a political declaration and, as appropriate, other declarations and measures to enhance international cooperation should be considered and adopted at the high-level segment of its fifty-second session, identifying, on the basis of the results of the review process, future priorities and areas requiring further action, as well as goals and targets to be set in countering the world drug problem beyond 2009. In its resolution 64/182, the General Assembly adopted the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, as adopted at the high-level segment, in which Member States committed themselves to implementing the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action through resolute international cooperation. Under item 6, Member States will have the opportunity to inform the Commission of action taken and successful strategies adopted to

implement the Action Plan. At its fifty-third session, the Commission will have before it a report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2010/2).

The Commission, in its resolution 49/4, entitled “Responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users”, requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to it biennially, starting at its fifty-first session, on the implementation of that resolution. Accordingly, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users (E/CN.7/2010/11).

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, entitled “Promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS”, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime transmitted to the Secretariat of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) the report on the fifty-second session of the Commission, which contains relevant resolutions, including the outcome of the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission, held on 11 and 12 March 2009, and the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem. Also pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS will be shared with Member States in document E/CN.7/2010/8.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2010/2)

Report of the Executive Director on responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users (E/CN.7/2010/11)

Promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (E/CN.7/2010/8)

7. Illicit drug traffic and supply and related measures:

- (a) World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission;**
- (b) Reducing the illicit supply of drugs;**
- (c) Control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants;**
- (d) International cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and on alternative development.**

In its resolution 61/183, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to include in its report on illicit drug trafficking an updated, objective and comprehensive assessment of worldwide trends in illicit traffic and transit in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including methods and routes

used; and to recommend ways and means of improving the capacity of States along those routes to address all aspects of the drug problem. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking is contained in document E/CN.7/2010/4.

In its resolutions 62/176, 63/197 and 64/182, the General Assembly encouraged the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation. In that regard, the Assembly acknowledged the discussions that had taken place at the Nineteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, on how to improve cooperation among the States of Latin America and the Caribbean and the States of West Africa in combating drug trafficking.

Under item 7 of the provisional agenda, the Commission will be informed of recent trends in drug trafficking worldwide, including methods and routes used, and of the results of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies held since the fifty-second session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations made at the Eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, held in Vienna from 16 to 19 June 2009; the Nineteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held on Isla Margarita, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, from 28 September to 2 October 2009; the Thirty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Denpasar, Indonesia, from 6 to 9 October 2009; the Nineteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Windhoek from 12 to 16 October 2009; and the forty-fourth session of the Subcommission, held in Vienna from 9 to 12 November 2009, with a view to taking any required follow-up action. A report of the Secretariat on recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission is contained in document E/CN.7/2010/5.

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/7, entitled “Assistance to States affected by the transit of illicit drugs”, and resolution 52/2, entitled “Strengthening the law enforcement capacity of the main transit States neighbouring Afghanistan, based on the principle of shared responsibility”, the Commission will have for its consideration two reports of the Executive Director, one containing information on initiatives to provide assistance to States affected by the transit of illicit drugs (E/CN.7/2010/14) and another on strengthening the law enforcement capacity of the main transit States neighbouring Afghanistan (E/CN.7/2010/6). Such assistance aims to strengthen the capacities of relevant law enforcement agencies to respond to drug-related threats, including those posed by amphetamine-type stimulants and the diversion of precursor chemicals.

In its resolution 51/11, entitled “Links between illicit drug trafficking and illicit firearms trafficking”, the Commission encouraged Member States to provide information to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime linking patterns of significance in firearms trafficking and drug-related trafficking, including information uncovered in the course of their investigations. At its fifty-third session, an oral report will be made to the Commission on the information received from Member States in that regard.

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/18, entitled “Strengthening international support for States in West Africa in their efforts to combat drug trafficking”, a report of the Executive Director will contain information on the coordination efforts that have been made, in consultation with States in West Africa and international partners, to address the problem of the smuggling of cocaine through West Africa within the framework of the drug control component of the Programme of Action, 2006-2010, emanating from the Round Table for Africa held in Abuja on 5 and 6 September 2005 (E/CN.7/2010/10).

In its resolution 52/6, entitled “Promoting best practices and lessons learned for the sustainability and integrality of alternative development programmes”, the Commission urged Governments and multilateral agencies and international and regional financial institutions to increase and sustain their support of integrated and sustainable alternative development programmes and, where appropriate, preventive alternative development programmes and to strengthen cross-border bilateral, subregional and regional technical assistance and cooperation, including South-South cooperation. The Commission also requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as appropriate, in collaboration with relevant international bodies, to continue promoting best practices and lessons learned from the above-mentioned programmes. The report of the Executive Director on measures taken and on progress achieved in the implementation of the resolution will be before the Commission (E/CN.7/2010/7).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2010/4)

Report of the Secretariat on recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2010/5)

Report of the Executive Director on strengthening the law enforcement capacity of the main transit States neighbouring Afghanistan, based on the principle of shared responsibility (E/CN.7/2010/6)

Report of the Executive Director on promoting best practices and lessons learned for the sustainability and integrality of alternative development programmes (E/CN.7/2010/7)

Report of the Executive Director on strengthening international support for States in West Africa in their efforts to combat drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2010/10)

Report of the Executive Director on assistance to States affected by the transit of illicit drugs (E/CN.7/2010/14)

8. Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation:

(a) Countering money-laundering;

(b) Judicial cooperation.

At its fifty-second session, the Commission adopted its resolution 52/9, entitled “Strengthening measures against the laundering of assets derived from drug trafficking and related offences”, in which it urged Member States to strengthen

bilateral, regional and international cooperation for combating the laundering of assets derived from drug trafficking, in particular with respect to information exchange, above all among financial intelligence units and other competent authorities. Also in that resolution, the Commission requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to provide technical assistance and training, upon request, for preventing and countering the laundering of assets derived from drug trafficking with a view to ensuring that the problem be better understood and that it receive greater attention, particularly among judges, investigators and prosecutors, and to cooperate with relevant specialized international and regional bodies to that effect.

On the recommendation of the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2009/248, decided that a separate agenda item on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation, with two sub-items, on (a) countering money-laundering and (b) judicial cooperation, would be included in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session so as to reflect the thematic structure contained in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem. Under that item, Member States will have an opportunity to provide information about action taken to implement the related parts of the Political Declaration and, in particular, sections E and F of the Plan of Action.

No documentation is envisaged under this agenda item.

9. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

Under item 9, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances

Pursuant to article 12, paragraph 13, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, the Commission should review periodically the adequacy and propriety of Table I and Table II of the Convention. In 2006, the International Narcotics Control Board, concerned that existing controls on phenylacetic acid, a precursor of amphetamine-type stimulants, were inadequate, convened a meeting of its advisory expert group to assess information and relevant comments provided by Governments on licit and illicit trade in that substance. Based on the recommendations made by the advisory expert group, the Board sent a note verbale to the Secretary-General in January 2007 to formally initiate the procedures for the transfer of phenylacetic acid from Table II to Table I of the 1988 Convention. To assess the impact of that recommendation, the Secretary-General transmitted the recommendation of the Board through a note dated 27 April 2007, inviting Governments, pursuant to article 12, paragraph 3, of the 1988 Convention, to submit their comments regarding the possible transfer of phenylacetic acid from Table II to Table I of the 1988 Convention. The responses submitted by Governments were forwarded to the advisory expert group, which held a meeting in February 2008 to evaluate the information and determine the level of global support for the rescheduling of phenylacetic acid under the 1988 Convention. The advisory expert group advised the Board that the information provided by Governments and other information available on phenylacetic acid supported the continuation of the process for the

rescheduling of that substance from Table II to Table I of the 1988 Convention. The Board submits its final assessment, findings and recommendation to reschedule phenylacetic acid from Table II to Table I to the Commission at its fifty-third session.

The World Health Organization has not submitted any notification concerning recommendations to place narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances under international control pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol or the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

(b) International Narcotics Control Board

The annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board is submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the international drug control treaties. The Commission may make such comments on the report as it sees fit. In addition, article 8 of the 1961 Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, article 17 of the 1971 Convention and article 21 of the 1988 Convention authorize the Commission to call the attention of the Board to any matters that may be relevant to the functions of the Board. The report of the Board for 2009 (E/INCB/2009/1) will be before the Commission.

Article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention requires the Board to report annually to the Commission on the implementation of that article. It is suggested that the 2009 report of the Board on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2009/4) should be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2009 (E/INCB/2009/1), in line with the recent practice of the Commission.

(c) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes

(d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties

Information on the implementation of Commission resolution 51/12, entitled “Strengthening cooperation between the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other United Nations bodies for the promotion of human rights in the implementation of the international drug control treaties”, is contained in document E/CN.7/2010/3-E/CN.15/2010/3.

Information on the implementation of Commission resolution 52/7, entitled “Proposal concerning quality evaluation of the performance of drug analysis laboratories”, is contained in document E/CN.7/2010/9.

The latest issue of the publication entitled *Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties* (ST/NAR.3/2009/1), which provides information to facilitate cooperation between competent national authorities that are empowered to issue certificates and authorizations for the import and export of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that regulate or enforce national controls over precursors and essential chemicals in accordance with the international drug control treaties, will be before the Commission for information. In order to facilitate electronic access to the information

contained in that publication, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has created an online directory, available through its website (www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/index.html). Access to the directory is limited to the competent national authorities and requires registration and the issuance of a password.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2010/3-E/CN.15/2010/3)

Report of the Executive Director on the proposal concerning quality evaluation of the performance of drug analysis laboratories (E/CN.7/2010/9)

Note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2010/12)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2009 (E/INCB/2009/1)

Precursors and chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2009 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/2009/4)

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties (ST/NAR.3/2009/1)

Operational segment

- 10. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions:**
 - (a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives;**
 - (b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime:**
 - (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;**
 - (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions.**

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments, including an operational segment during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Office.

For its consideration of item 10, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, which contains an overview of the Office's activities during 2009 and outlines the links between drug control, crime prevention, terrorism prevention and criminal

justice on the one hand and the rule of law, development, security and peace on the other hand (E/CN.7/2010/3-E/CN.15/2010/3).

In 2009, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its resolution 52/13, and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in its resolution 18/3, both entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, as well as the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2009/251, entitled “Frequency and duration of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, decided to establish a standing open-ended intergovernmental working group to discuss and formulate recommendations on how to improve the governance structure and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. At its reconvened fifty-second session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs had before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2009/15-E/CN.15/2009/25). Pursuant to its resolution 52/13, at its fifty-third session the Commission will have before it the report and recommendations, if any, of the standing open-ended working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2010/16-E/CN.15/2010/16).

At its reconvened fifty-second session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs adopted resolution 52/14, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”, in which it approved the projected use of general-purpose funds in the biennium 2010-2011 and endorsed the programme support cost fund and special-purpose fund estimates for the bienniums 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme. At that same session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2009/13-E/CN.15/2009/23) and noted that the proposed budget for the biennium 2010-2011 was based, inter alia, on the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the Office, as approved by the Economic and Social Council in the annex to its resolution 2007/12. At the reconvened session, the Commission also considered and took into account the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2009/14-E/CN.15/2009/24).

The report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime focused on the general-purpose resources of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund. It also provided information on the financial situation of the Office, on the projected allocation of special-purpose funds and the programme support cost income earned from special-purpose contributions and on the resources of the regular budget of the United Nations. As was the case for the consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009, the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement presented in the consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011 had been harmonized with the three subprogrammes of programme 13 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 (A/63/6/Rev.1) and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/64/6 (Sect.16)), as well as with the result

areas identified in the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the Office pursuant to Commission resolution 50/13.

The draft strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (to be issued as A/65/6 (programme 13)), comprising an outline of the plan and the biennial programme plan, should be made available to the Commission. The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for the Office and provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fiftieth session. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session when it considers the Secretary-General's proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013.

At its reconvened fifty-second session, the Commission adopted resolution 52/14, in which it requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to present to the Commission at its fifty-third session, in 2010 the changes that would need to be made to the strategic framework and a report on the implications of such an approach for the Office and for the allocation of resources to the subprogrammes of the programme of work, taking into account the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the relevant parts of its report. The Commission also requested the Executive Director to report to it, at its fifty-third session, on the implementation of paragraphs 16, 17 and 18 of its resolution 52/14. Pursuant to that resolution, the Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the changes required to the strategic framework and their implications for the Office and for the resource allocation to the subprogrammes of the programme of work, and the establishment of the independent evaluation unit and on the sustainability of the Strategic Planning Unit (E/CN.7/2010/13-E/CN.15/2010/13).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2010/3-E/CN.15/2010/3)

Report of the Executive Director on the changes required to the strategic framework and their implications for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and for the allocation of resources to the subprogrammes of the programme of work, and on the establishment of the independent evaluation unit and the sustainability of the Strategic Planning Unit (E/CN.7/2010/13-E/CN.15/2010/13)

Note by the Secretariat on the report on the meeting of the standing open-ended working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2010/16-E/CN.15/2010/16)

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11. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission

Under agenda item 11, the Commission should devote time to the selection of the theme for the thematic debate of its fifty-fourth and subsequent sessions and should consider making more definite arrangements on the duration of its sessions. The Commission should also, as part of the review of its programme of work on the

basis of the experience gained thus far, consider its programme of work in relation to the duration of subsequent sessions.

12. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 12 have come to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-third session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its fifty-third session on the afternoon of 12 March 2010, the last day of the session.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

1. In its resolution 1991/39, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should establish a committee, the membership of which should be open to all States members of the Commission, to perform such functions as requested by the Commission in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work.
2. Since its forty-ninth session, in 2006, with the exception of its fifty-second session, in 2009, the Commission has held informal pre-session consultations to consider draft resolutions submitted in advance of the session with a view to expediting and facilitating the work of the Committee of the Whole. In accordance with this practice, the Commission, at an intersessional meeting held on 11 September 2009, reviewed and endorsed the proposed organization of work of the fifty-third session and agreed that informal consultations would be held on Friday, 5 March 2010. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, *inter alia*, a preliminary review of draft resolutions, to be considered at the fifty-third session of the Commission, made available in advance, as well as the theme and subthemes of the thematic debate of the fifty-fourth and subsequent sessions, the duration of the fifty-fourth session and other matters.
3. The Committee of the Whole is invited to consider items 4-8 and 10 of the agenda and the respective reports submitted under those items prior to their consideration in the plenary, as appropriate.
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. At its intersessional meeting held on 11 September 2009, the Commission agreed that the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions should be noon on Monday, 8 March 2010. At that intersessional meeting and at the reconvened fifty-second session of the Commission, held on 1 and 2 December 2009, Member States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-third session were urged to submit them to the Secretariat one month prior to the commencement of the session in accordance with established practice.
5. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 8 March, to the morning of Friday, 12 March 2010, to consider the items referred to in paragraph 3 above and to review draft resolutions.
6. The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the Commission. 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.

Informal pre-session consultations, 5 March 2010

*Date and time***Friday, 5 March**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Informal consultations

3-6 p.m. Informal consultations

Fifty-third session, 8-12 March 2010

*Date and time**Plenary**Committee of the Whole***Monday, 8 March**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Opening of the Commission

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters*Item 9.* Implementation of the international drug control treaties:

- (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances
- (b) International Narcotics Control Board

3-6 p.m.

Item 9. Implementation of the international drug control treaties (*continued*)

- (b) International Narcotics Control Board (*continued*)
- (c) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes
- (d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties

Item 4. Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem*Item 5.* Improving the collection, reporting and analysis of data to monitor the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action*Item 6.* Drug demand reduction: world situation with regard to drug abuse*Item 7.* Illicit drug traffic and supply and related measures*Item 8.* Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation*Item 10.* Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
Tuesday, 9 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 3.</i> Thematic debate: in the context of a balanced approach to reducing drug demand and supply, measures to enhance awareness of the different aspects of the world drug problem, including by improving understanding of how to tackle the problem</p> <p>(a) Effective means of raising awareness about the risks of abusing drugs, including cannabis, giving special attention to addressing in a comprehensive manner the specific needs of women, men, youth and children</p> <p>(b) Measures to improve the understanding of drug addiction as a chronic but treatable multifactorial health disorder</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 3.</i> Thematic debate: in the context of a balanced approach to reducing drug demand and supply, measures to enhance awareness of the different aspects of the world drug problem, including by improving understanding of how to tackle the problem (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>(c) Regional and interregional cooperation</p> <p>(d) Importance of research and the collection, reporting and analysis of data for raising awareness about the world drug problem</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 10 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 5.</i> Improving the collection, reporting and analysis of data to monitor the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action</p> <p><i>Item 6.</i> Drug demand reduction: world situation with regard to drug abuse</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 11 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 7.</i> Illicit drug traffic and supply and related measures:</p> <p>(a) World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)

Date and time	Plenary	Committee of the Whole
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) Reducing the illicit supply of drugs (c) Control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants (d) International cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and on alternative development 	
	<p><i>Item 8.</i> Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Countering money-laundering (b) Judicial cooperation 	
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 10.</i> Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives (b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions 	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)

Friday, 12 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 11.</i> Provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission</p> <p><i>Item 12.</i> Other business</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 13.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-third session</p>	