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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-third session, on 2 December 2010, opened its fifty-fourth session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers of the fifty-fourth 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 Eastern European States | Veronika Kuchynová Smigolová (Czech Republic) |
| First Vice-Chairperson | Group of Western European and Other States | Alberto Groff (Switzerland) |
| Second Vice-Chairperson | Group of Latin American and Caribbean States | Antonio García Revilla (Peru) |
| Third Vice-Chairperson | Group of African States | Mahmoud Hassan Elamin (Sudan) |
| Rapporteur | Group of Asian States | Marwan Al-Dobhany (Yemen) |

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-fourth session of the Commission (E/CN.7/2011/1) 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 2010/244, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on its fifty-third session and approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the understanding that intersessional meetings would be held in Vienna to finalize the items to be included in the provisional agenda.

At its reconvened fifty-third session, on 2 December 2010, on the recommendation of the extended Bureau, which had met on 26 November and 2 December 2010, the Commission, bearing in mind Economic and Social Council decision 2010/244, approved a draft decision, for adoption by the Council, containing a revised provisional agenda for its fifty-fourth session. The revised provisional agenda envisages a number of enhancements, including the holding of three thematic round-table discussions at the fifty-fourth session and two round-table discussions at its fifty-fifth session, to replace the former thematic debate, and provides the framework for the present annotations.

At its reconvened fifty-third session, held on 2 December 2010, the Commission noted the recommendation of the extended Bureau that the Commission's fifty-fourth session be held from 21 to 25 March 2011 and that informal consultations on, inter alia, draft resolutions to be considered at its fifty-fourth session, as well as the draft provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, be held on 18 March 2011, prior to the commencement of the regular session of the Commission. In accordance with established practice, the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions should be Monday, 21 March 2011, at noon. States members of the Commission intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-fourth session should submit them to the Secretariat one month prior to the commencement of the session.

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

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.7/2011/1)

Operational segment

- 3. 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 3, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/3-E/CN.15/2011/3), which contains an overview of the Office's activities during 2010 in the areas of the rule of law; drug control; prevention, treatment and reintegration; research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support; and executive direction and management. The report also contains information on the realignment of the Division for Treaty Affairs and the Division for Operations, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/227.

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.

Pursuant to its resolution 52/13, at its fifty-fourth session the Commission will have before it the report 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.7/2011/9-E/CN.15/2011/9). As requested at the reconvened fifty-third session, the Commission will also have before it the statement by the Co-Chairpersons of the working group (E/2010/28/Add.1, annex II).

At its fifty-third session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs renewed the mandate of Norma Goicochea Estenoz (Cuba) and Ignacio Baylina Ruíz (Spain) as Co-Chairpersons of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime until the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2009/251, at its fifty-fourth session the Commission shall carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate, which is in effect until the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the first half of 2011.

At its fifty-fourth session, the Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/11-E/CN.15/2011/11), and, for its approval, any revised estimates for the general-purpose funds budget for the biennium 2010-2011, contained therein.

The draft strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 for programme 13 (A/65/6 (Prog. 13)), comprising the biennial programme plan and an outline of the plan, was considered by the Commission at its fifty-third session. The proposed biennial programme plan was reviewed by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fiftieth session. The General Assembly considered the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013 at its sixty-fifth session and adopted it in its resolution 65/244, entitled "Programme planning".

At its reconvened fifty-fourth session, on 12 December 2011, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/3-E/CN.15/2011/3)

Report of the Executive Director on support for the development and implementation of the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/6-E/CN.15/2011/6)

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.7/2011/9-E/CN.15/2011/9)

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/11-E/CN.15/2011/11)

Report on the reconvened fifty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/2010/28/Add.1)

Normative segment

4. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

Under item 4, 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

No recommendation has been received pursuant to article 12, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.

Pursuant to article 12, paragraphs 4 and 13, of the 1988 Convention, the International Narcotics Control Board shall communicate to the Commission any assessment of a substance frequently used in the illicit manufacture of a narcotic drug or psychotropic substance, including the likely effect of adding the substance to either Table I or Table II of the Convention, together with its recommendation on monitoring measures, if any, that would be appropriate in the light of that assessment, and the Commission shall periodically review the adequacy and propriety of Table I and Table II of the Convention. In its decision 53/1, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided, on the recommendation of the International Narcotics Control Board, to transfer phenylacetic acid from Table II to Table I of the 1988 Convention. No matters are brought to the attention of the Commission at its fifty-fourth session pursuant to article 12, paragraphs 4 or 13, of the 1988 Convention.

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 2010 (E/INCB/2010/1) 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 2010 report of the Board on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2010/4) should be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2010 (E/INCB/2010/1), 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 while preventing their diversion

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its resolution 53/4, entitled “Promoting adequate availability of internationally controlled licit drugs for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion and abuse”, invited the International Narcotics Control Board to include in its annual report for 2010 information on the consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances used for medical and scientific purposes worldwide, including an analysis of impediments to their adequate availability and actions to be taken to overcome those impediments and, when available, specific information about the status of and progress made by countries. Pursuant to that resolution, the Board carried out an analysis of global developments and regional patterns of consumption of opioid analgesics and psychotropic substances. In recognition of the importance of the subject, the Board has decided to issue a supplement to its annual report devoted to this matter (E/INCB/2010/1/Supp.1), in order to provide adequate information on the present situation at the regional and global levels, highlight the major impediments and formulate recommendations to improve availability of internationally controlled substances.

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

The Commission will have before it, for information, the latest issue of the publication entitled *Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties* (ST/NAR.3/2010/1), 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. 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 International Narcotics Control Board for 2010 (E/INCB/2010/1)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board on the Availability of Internationally Controlled Drugs: Ensuring Adequate Access for Medical and Scientific Purposes (E/INCB/2010/1/Supp.1)

Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2010 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations

Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/2010/4)

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties (ST/NAR.3/2010/1)

5. Round-table discussions

- (a) Regional and international cooperation in combating the world drug problem and its connection with organized crime**
- (b) Revitalization of the principle of joint and shared responsibility as the centrepiece of international cooperation to confront the challenges posed by the world drug problem, in a manner consistent with the relevant United Nations conventions and declarations**
- (c) Addressing key public health and safety issues such as addictive behaviours by youth and drugged driving**

At its fifty-third session, the Commission decided to hold a thematic debate at its fifty-fourth session, leaving the theme and subthemes of the thematic debate to be identified at intersessional meetings of the Commission. In the intersessional period, the extended Bureau of the Commission agreed to recommend the institution and substantive organization of three thematic round-table discussions at the fifty-fourth session and two round-table discussions at the fifty-fifth session, to replace the thematic debate. The Commission, at its reconvened fifty-third session, endorsed the inclusion of the round-table discussions in the agenda and submitted, for adoption by the Economic and Social Council, a draft decision containing a revised provisional agenda for the Commission's fifty-fourth session, reflecting the arrangements required to that effect.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the substantive organization of the round-table discussions at the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions (E/CN.7/2011/8)

6. 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 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 of the fifty-second session of the Commission, 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, and called upon States to take the measures necessary to fully implement the actions set out therein, with a view to attaining in a timely manner their goals and targets.

In the Political Declaration, Member States recognized that the Plan of Action constituted an integral part of the Political Declaration 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).

In the Political Declaration, 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 addition, 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 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.

(a) Demand reduction and related measures

In its resolution 64/182, the General Assembly urged all Member States to implement the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction and to strengthen their national efforts to counter the abuse of illicit drugs in their populations, in particular among children and young people. Under this item, Member States are invited to inform the Commission of action taken to implement the Action Plan. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse is contained in document E/CN.7/2011/2.

In its resolution 53/10, entitled “Measures to protect children and young people from drug abuse”, the Commission invited Member States to implement various interventions for the prevention of drug use and the protection of children and young people. In that resolution, the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session on the measures taken and on progress achieved in the implementation of the resolution. The Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on measures to protect children and young people from drug abuse (E/CN.7/2011/13).

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-third session of the Commission, which contains relevant resolutions. Also pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS are transmitted to the Commission in document E/CN.7/2011/10.

The non-medical use of prescription drugs is a global health concern. Advances in the pharmaceutical industry have led to the production of powerful psychoactive medicines that can greatly improve quality of life for those with access to safe, controlled psychotropic medication. However, when used inappropriately, these medications can have serious health consequences and lead to abuse and dependence. Their use has therefore been regulated by the three major drug control treaties. Existing available information about the non-medical use of prescription drugs is insufficient to know the dimension of the problem with accuracy. However, in North America and Oceania there are reports that at least 23 per cent of drug-related emergency department admissions and 20.4 per cent of all single drug-related emergency department deaths are due to the non-medical use of prescription drugs, and there are reports of significant treatment demand also in Europe, Africa and South Asia. The Commission will have before it a discussion paper that is the result of a literature review and technical consultation undertaken in June 2010 with the aim of providing Member States initial guidance in addressing this complex issue, focusing on recommendations with respect to policy and practice (E/CN.7/2011/CRP.2).

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing reports by intergovernmental organizations on drug control activities (E/CN.7/2011/CRP.1).

(b) Supply reduction and related measures

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/23, entitled “Support for the development and implementation of the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, the Commission will have for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of that resolution (E/CN.7/2011/6-E/CN.15/2011/6), which also includes information on the implementation of Commission resolutions 52/3, entitled “International support to States in East Africa in their efforts to combat drug trafficking”; 52/4, entitled “Progress made towards strengthening international support for States in West Africa in their efforts to combat drug trafficking”; 53/5, entitled “Strengthening regional cooperation between Afghanistan and transit States and the contribution of all affected countries to counter-narcotics efforts, based on the principle of common and shared responsibility”; and 53/14, entitled “Follow-up to the implementation of the Santo Domingo Pact and Managua Mechanism”.

In its resolution 52/1, entitled “Promoting international cooperation in addressing the involvement of women and girls in drug trafficking, especially as couriers”, the Commission requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to carry out scientific research on and analysis of activities related to drug trafficking involving women and girls at the national and international levels and urged Member States to implement broad-based programmes aimed at preventing women and girls from being used as couriers for trafficking in drugs. The Commission will have before it

the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of resolution 52/1 (E/CN.7/2011/7).

In its resolution 53/6, entitled “Follow-up to the promotion of best practices and lessons learned for the sustainability and integrality of alternative development programmes and the proposal to organize an international workshop and conference on alternative development”, the Commission recognized the role played by developing countries in sharing best practices and in promoting cooperation on sustainable alternative development, including South-South cooperation. The Commission also welcomed the proposal of the Governments of Peru and Thailand to jointly hold an international workshop on the matter. The Secretariat was informed by the organizers that the envisaged conference and workshop had to be postponed. A note by the Secretariat on the implementation of Commission resolution 53/6 will be before the Commission (E/CN.7/2011/12).

(c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation

At its fifty-third session, the Commission adopted its resolution 53/3, entitled “Strengthening national capacities in the administration and disposal of property and other assets confiscated in cases of drug trafficking and related offences”.

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 would be included in the provisional agenda for the fifty-third session of the Commission, 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. That decision was reflected in the provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, approved by the Council in its decision 2010/244. In the intersessional period leading up to the reconvened fifty-third session, the Commission undertook further review of its provisional agenda, which it approved at its reconvened fifty-third session, held on 2 December 2010, and on which these annotations are based. 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.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2011/2)

Report of the Executive Director on support for the development and implementation of the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/6-E/CN.15/2011/6)

Report of the Executive Director on promoting international cooperation in addressing the involvement of women and girls in drug trafficking, especially as couriers (E/CN.7/2011/7)

Note by the Secretariat on 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.7/2011/10)

Note by the Secretariat on the follow-up to the promotion of best practices and lessons learned for the sustainability and integrality of alternative development programmes and the proposal to organize an international workshop and conference on alternative development (E/CN.7/2011/12)

Report of the Executive Director on measures to protect children and young people from drug abuse (E/CN.7/2011/13)

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the outcome of the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (A/64/92-E/2009/98)

7. World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission

In its resolution 61/183, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to include in its report on 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.7/2011/4.

In its resolutions 63/197, 64/182 and 65/233, 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, in its resolution 65/233, the Assembly acknowledged the discussions that had taken place at the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Under item 7, 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-third session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations made at the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Nairobi from 13 to 17 September 2010; the Twentieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Lima from 4 to 7 October 2010; the forty-fifth session of the Subcommission, held in Damascus from 8 to 12 November 2010 and the Thirty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 30 November to 3 December 2010, with a view to taking any required follow-up action. A report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission is contained in document E/CN.7/2011/5.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2011/4)

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2011/5)

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8. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission

Under agenda item 8, the Commission should devote time to the consideration of any further enhancements that it may deem appropriate to the provisional agenda for its fifty-fifth and subsequent sessions. It should also consider the experience with the round-table discussions to be acquired at its fifty-fourth session and make any adjustment that may be required for its fifty-fifth and subsequent sessions, bearing in mind that the topics for the two round-table discussions to be held at the fifty-fifth session were selected following consultations by the extended Bureau of the Commission in the intersessional period leading to the reconvened fifty-third session. The Commission could also begin consideration of possible topics for round-table discussions to be held at its fifty-sixth and subsequent sessions, if, upon evaluation, it determines that the modality is to be continued. In addition, the Commission should continue its review of its methods of work with a view to making any necessary adjustments and enhancements that it may deem appropriate and consider making more definite arrangements on the duration of its sessions held in the first half of each year. 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 the fifty-fifth and subsequent sessions.

9. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 9 have come to the attention of the Secretariat, and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fourth session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its fifty-fourth session on the afternoon of 25 March 2011, 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 its reconvened fifty-third session, held on 2 December 2010, took note of the recommendation of the extended Bureau and agreed that informal consultations would be held on Friday, 18 March 2011. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, *inter alia*, a preliminary review of draft resolutions, to be considered at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, made available in advance, as well as the matters highlighted under item 8 of the annotations to the provisional agenda above, including matters related to the arrangements for the round tables, methods of work and organization of its programme of work, and the duration of its fifty-fifth session and subsequent sessions, and other matters.
3. The Committee of the Whole is invited to consider items 4, 6 and 7 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. The provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions is set at noon, Monday, 21 March 2011. States members of the Commission intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible and at least one month prior to the commencement of the fifty-fourth session. To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions are submitted to the Secretariat, in electronic form, by 18 February 2011.
5. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 21 March, to the morning of Friday, 25 March 2011, 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, 18 March 2011

Date and time

Friday, 18 March

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

3-6 p.m. Informal consultations

Fifty-fourth session, 21-25 March 2011

Date and time

Plenary

Committee of the Whole

Monday, 21 March

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Opening of the Commission
Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
Item 3. 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

3-4:30 p.m. *Item 5.* Round-table discussions
Round-table discussion on item 5 (a):
 Regional and international cooperation in combating the world drug problem and its connection with organized crime
Item 5. Round-table discussions
Round-table discussion on item 5 (b):
 Revitalization of the principle of joint and shared responsibility as the centrepiece of international cooperation to confront the challenges posed by the world drug problem, in a manner consistent with the relevant United Nations conventions and declarations
 (To be held simultaneously with the round-table discussion on item 5 (a), in a different meeting room.)

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| 4:30-6:00 p.m. | <p><i>Item 5. Round-table discussions</i></p> <p><i>Round-table discussion on item 5 (c):</i> Addressing key public health and safety issues such as addictive behaviours of youth and drugged driving</p> | <p><i>Item 4. Implementation of the international drug control treaties</i></p> <p>(b) International Narcotics Control Board</p> <p>(c) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion</p> <p>(d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties</p> <p><i>Item 6. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem</i></p> <p><i>Item 7. World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission</i></p> <p>Consideration of draft resolutions</p> |
| Tuesday, 22 March | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | <p><i>Item 3. 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 (continued)</i></p> | Consideration of draft resolutions (continued) |
| 3-6 p.m. | <p><i>Item 4. Implementation of the international drug control treaties (continued)</i></p> <p>(b) International Narcotics Control Board</p> <p>(c) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion</p> <p>(d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties</p> | Consideration of draft resolutions (continued) |
| Wednesday, 23 March | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | <p><i>Item 6. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (continued)</i></p> | Consideration of draft resolutions (continued) |

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| | (a) Demand reduction and related measures | |
| 3-6 p.m. | <i>Item 6. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (continued)</i> (b) Supply reduction and related measures | Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>) |
| Thursday, 24 March | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | <i>Item 6. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (continued)</i> (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation | Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>) |
| 3-6 p.m. | <i>Item 7. World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission</i> | Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>) |
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| Friday, 25 March | | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | <i>Item 8. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission</i> <i>Item 9. Other business</i> | Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>) |
| 3-6 p.m. | <i>Item 10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fourth session</i> | |