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General debate of the high-level segment

Round-table discussions of the high-level segment

Organization of the high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Note by the Secretariat

I. Mandate of the high-level segment

1. In the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fifty-second session, in 2009, 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. In addition, Member States recommended that the Economic and Social Council devote a high-level segment to a theme related to the world drug problem and that the General Assembly hold a special session to address the world drug problem.

2. In its resolution 56/12, the Commission decided that the high-level review of the progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action should be held during the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in 2014, for a period of two days, in addition to the five days usually scheduled for the regular sessions of the Commission in the first half of the year.

* E/CN.7/2014/1.



II. Organization of the high-level segment and general debate

3. In its resolution 56/12, the Commission also decided that the theme of the high-level review should be “Progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem” and that the high-level review should consist of a general debate on that theme and round-table discussions on the three pillars of the Plan of Action.

Agenda of the high-level segment

4. The agenda items of the high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session, as recommended by the Commission and adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2013/249, are contained in annex I to the present document.

Programme of work for the high-level segment

5. The proposed programme of work for the general debate and the round-table discussions is contained in annex II.

Election of officers of the high-level segment

6. In line with past practice, at the opening of the high-level segment, a chair, three vice-chairs and a rapporteur will be elected from the States from which the members of the Bureau of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission were drawn. In the absence of a high-level representative from those States, the nomination of a high-level representative would rest with the respective regional group.

Chairing of the general debate

7. The general debate will be chaired by the chair of the high-level segment, who, in line with past practice, will be a high-level representative from the same State as the Chair of the Commission.

List of speakers for the general debate

8. The list of speakers for the general debate will be established by the drawing of lots during an intersessional meeting on 27 February 2014. The procedure proposed for the drawing of lots and the establishment of the list of speakers is contained in annex III.

9. Following the format of the general debate conducted during the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission, in 2009, the meetings of the general debate will be open to all States Members of the United Nations. (The seating arrangements will follow the protocol used by the General Assembly.) After the introductory statements by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the President of the International Narcotics Control Board, the floor will be given to the high-level representatives of the Member States chairing the regional groups, followed by statements by high-level representatives of Member States speaking in their national capacity. Heads of entities of the United Nations, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, may make statements in the general debate.

Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will participate in accordance with articles 74 and 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Duration of statements in the general debate

10. Speakers are requested to keep their statements to a maximum of five minutes in order to enable the representatives of all Member States to address the high-level segment.

Rules of procedure

11. Unless decided otherwise, the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council will apply to the high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

III. Round-table discussions during the high-level segment

12. At its fifty-sixth session, the Commission, in its resolution 56/12, decided that the round-table discussions should focus on the three pillars of the Plan of Action:

(a) Demand reduction: reducing drug abuse and dependence through a comprehensive approach;

(b) Supply reduction: reducing the illicit supply of drugs, control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants, and international cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and on alternative development;

(c) International cooperation: countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation.

Format and organization of the round-table discussions

13. The format and organization of the round-table discussions are described in annex IV.

14. Subject to the availability of seats, each Member State may, in principle, participate in more than one of the round-table discussions, following consultations with the chair of the regional group of which it is a member.

15. If any of the seats of the round-table discussions allotted to Member States remain unfilled five working days before the opening of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission, the Bureau or extended Bureau can decide to increase the number of seats allocated to observers for United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations at the round-table discussions.

Chairing of the round-table discussions

16. The three round-table discussions will be chaired by the three vice-chairs of the high-level segment, who, in line with past practice, will be high-level representatives of the Member States to which Vice-Chairs of the Bureau of the

fifty-seventh session belong, and in the absence of a high-level representative from those States, the respective regional group would nominate a high-level representative. Regional groups will be assigned to the round-table discussions through the drawing of lots at a meeting of the extended Bureau.

Presentation of the outcome of the round-table discussions

17. The chairs of the round-table discussions, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will, in their individual capacity, make a summary of the most salient points of the round-table discussions for presentation in a plenary meeting prior to the closure of the high-level segment. The summary will not be subject to negotiations.

IV. Adoption of the joint ministerial statement

18. In its resolution 56/12, the Commission resolved that a brief joint ministerial statement should be issued at the conclusion of the high-level review, identifying, on the basis of the review of the progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, achievements, challenges and priorities for further action, in the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments. The Commission also resolved that the outcome of the high-level review should be submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration, in view of, inter alia, the special session of the Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.

19. The Commission has made preparations for the high-level review during a series of intersessional meetings, held pursuant to its resolution 56/12, in which it decided that “intersessional meetings shall be held before the high-level review, within existing regular budget resources, devoted to preparing for the high-level review and to assessing the progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action”.

Annex I

Items of the high-level segment of the provisional agenda

3. Opening of the high-level segment.^a
4. General debate of the high-level segment on progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem.
5. Round-table discussions of the high-level segment:
 - (a) Demand reduction: reducing drug abuse and dependence through a comprehensive approach;
 - (b) Supply reduction: reducing the illicit supply of drugs, control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants, and international cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and on alternative development;
 - (c) International cooperation: countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation.
6. Outcome of the high-level segment.
Outcome of the round-table discussions and adoption of the joint ministerial statement.
7. Closure of the high-level segment.

^a The following items of the high-level segment are extracted from the provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission (E/CN.7/2014/1).

Annex II

Proposed programme of work for the general debate and round-table discussions of the high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Round-table discussions</i>
Thursday, 13 March 2014		
9.30 a.m.	Opening of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs <i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
<i>High-level segment</i>		
10 a.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> Opening of the high-level segment	10.30 a.m. <i>Item 5 (a).</i> Round-table discussions of the high-level segment: demand reduction — reducing drug abuse and dependence through a comprehensive approach.
	<i>Item 4.</i> General debate of the high-level segment	
3 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> General debate of the high-level segment (<i>continued</i>)	3.30 p.m. <i>Item 5 (b).</i> Round-table discussions of the high-level segment: supply reduction — reducing the illicit supply of drugs, control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants, and international cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and on alternative development.
Friday, 14 March 2014		
10 a.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> General debate of the high-level segment (<i>continued</i>)	10.30 a.m. <i>Item 5 (c).</i> Round-table discussions of the high-level segment: international cooperation — countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation.
3 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> General debate of the high-level segment (<i>continued</i>) <i>Item 5.</i> Outcome of the high-level segment <i>Item 6.</i> Closure of the high-level segment	

Annex III

Procedure for the establishment of the list of speakers for the general debate

1. In accordance with Commission resolution 56/12, the list of speakers for the general debate to be conducted during the high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be established on the basis of four meetings. On Thursday, 13 March 2014, the general debate will start immediately after the opening of the high-level segment. Accordingly, the first meeting will have 25 speaking slots.^a The second and third meetings, in the afternoon of Thursday, 13 March 2014 and in the morning of Friday, 14 March 2014, will each have 30 speaking slots. The fourth meeting, in the afternoon of Friday, 14 March 2014, will have 25 speaking slots, since the last half hour will be devoted to the outcome of the high-level segment (adoption of the joint ministerial statement and presentation of the chairs' salient points of the outcome of the round-table discussions) and the closing of the high-level segment.

2 Following the format of the general debate conducted during the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission, in 2009, the meetings of the general debate will be open to all States Members of the United Nations (the seating arrangements and speaking order will follow the protocol of the General Assembly). After the introductory statements by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the President of the International Narcotics Control Board, the floor will be given to the high-level representatives of the Member States chairing the regional groups, followed by statements of high-level representatives of Member States speaking in their national capacity. Heads of entities of the United Nations, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, may make statements in the general debate. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will participate in accordance with articles 74 and 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

3. In order to accommodate all speakers at the high-level segment, statements should be limited to five minutes, on the understanding that this will not preclude that more extensive texts can be made available online on the website of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission. Technical devices will be used to remind speakers of the remaining speaking time.

4. The establishment of the initial list of speakers for the general debate through drawing of lots will take place at an intersessional meeting to be held on 27 February 2014.

5. The Secretariat will inform all Member States by note verbale of the drawing of lots. In order to be included in the drawing of lots, Member States should reply to the Secretariat with information on their participation in the high-level segment by

^a The number of speaking slots at each of the four meetings devoted to the general debate might be revised according to the total number of States that announce to the Secretariat before 20 February 2014 their intention to participate in the high-level segment.

20 February 2014. Member States that will participate in the high-level segment but that cannot send a representative to attend the drawing of lots (for example, Member States that do not have a permanent representative in Vienna), should inform the Secretariat well in advance of the drawing of lots about their preferred speaking slots. Should those slots not be available, the Secretariat will choose slots from among the available slots.

6. The drawing of lots to establish the list of speakers will be done using the following procedure:

(a) There will be two different boxes, one containing the names of the States that will be represented at ministerial level, and the other containing the names of States that will be represented at a level lower than ministerial level;

(b) A representative of the Secretariat will draw one name from the box containing the names of all States that will be represented at ministerial level. Once the name of a State has been drawn by the representative of the Secretariat, that State will be invited first to choose a meeting (morning or afternoon of Thursday, 13 March 2014, or morning or afternoon of Friday, 14 March 2014) and then to choose the speaking slot in that meeting. This procedure will be repeated until all names have been drawn from that box;

(c) After States to be represented at the ministerial or a higher level have chosen meetings and speaking slots, a representative of the Secretariat will draw one name from the box containing the names of all States that will be represented at a level lower than ministerial level. That procedure will be repeated until all names have been drawn from that box;

(d) If the Secretariat has been informed that more than one State will be represented at a level higher than ministerial level (Head of State or Head of Government), there will be an additional box containing the names of States that will be represented at the highest level, and the same procedure will be followed as the one described in subparagraphs (b) and (c), above;

(e) The last speaking slots of the second and third plenary meetings (afternoon of Thursday, 13 March 2014, and the morning of Friday, 14 March 2014) may be reserved for the Holy See and the State of Palestine in their capacities as observer States.

7. If the level at which a statement is to be made is subsequently changed, the speaker will be moved to the next available speaking slot in the appropriate category at that same meeting or the next meeting.

8. Participants may arrange to exchange their speaking slots in accordance with the established practice of the United Nations. In such cases a written notification must be provided to the Secretariat by the concerned parties.

9. Speakers who are not present when their speaking turn comes will be automatically moved to the next available speaking slot within their category at the same meeting or the next meeting.

10. Member States speakers should inform the Secretariat if they do not want their statement to be posted on the website of the Commission.

11. In any case not covered by the present proposal, the Chair, in consultation with the Secretariat, will try to accommodate requests for speaking slots.

Annex IV

Format and organization of the round-table discussions to be held during the high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session

A. Participants

1. Participation in the round-table discussions will be open to members and observers as follows:

- (a) Members: Persons representing Member States of the United Nations;
- (b) Observers:
 - (i) Persons representing other delegations with permanent status at the United Nations;
 - (ii) Persons representing entities in the United Nations system;
 - (iii) Persons representing intergovernmental organizations;
 - (iv) Persons representing non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Number and distribution of participants

2. The maximum number of participants will be 51, at least 35 of whom will be representatives of Member States. Using as a basis United Nations membership, the number of members of each regional group participating in each round table will, in principle, be as follows:

- (a) A total of 35 seats allocated to Member States as follows:
 - (i) Group of African States: 9 Member States;
 - (ii) Group of Asian States: 9 Member States;
 - (iii) Group of Eastern European States: 5 Member States;
 - (iv) Group of Latin American and Caribbean States: 6 Member States;
 - (v) Group of Western European and other States: 6 Member States;
- (b) A maximum of 10 additional seats allocated to Member States. To ensure flexibility, following consultations with the chair of each round table, a maximum of 10 additional seats will be allocated to ministers and heads of delegation of Member States, as needed;
- (c) A minimum of 5 seats for observers. Each round table shall include a minimum of five participants representing observers (entities in the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council), of which at least one seat shall be reserved for a person representing non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. The number of observers

may be raised if Member States do not require all of the 10 additional seats referred to in subparagraph (b) above;

(d) One seat for the secretariat. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime will have one seat allocated to it (in addition to one seat for the person who will function as Secretary) at each round table and will assist the chair in preparing the conclusions for each round table.

B. Other organizational arrangements

Nomination procedures and deadlines

3. The following nomination procedures and deadlines are to be followed:

(a) The Chair of each regional group will communicate to the Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, with copy to the Secretariat, the Member States from his/her region, as referred to under paragraph 2 (a), above, for each round-table discussion, at least three weeks before the opening of the session of the Commission, namely as soon as possible, and at the latest by 20 February 2014;

(b) The Chair of each regional group will also inform the Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, with copy to the Secretariat, about any additional seats, referred to under paragraph 2 (b), above, requested by Member States from his/her region for each round-table discussion. Those seats will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis;

(c) Delegations of States with permanent status with the United Nations, entities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations interested in obtaining one of the seats allocated to observers, will inform the Secretariat at least three weeks before the opening of the session of the Commission. Seats will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis;

(d) The Chair of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs will inform the Secretariat at least three weeks before the opening of the session of the Commission about the representation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

(e) If there are still seats unfilled by Member States under paragraph 2 (b), above, five working days before the opening of the session of the Commission, the Bureau or extended Bureau can decide to increase the number of seats for observers (as referred to in paragraph 2 (c), above) on a “first come, first served” basis.

Seating arrangements and attendance

4. All other participants may follow the round-table discussions via video transmission in the overflow room.

Chairing

5. Each of the three round-table discussions will be chaired by a high-level representative from the States to which the Vice-Chairs of the Bureau belong, and in the absence of a high-level representative from those States, the respective regional group would nominate a high-level representative to chair the round-table

discussion. Assignment of States to the round-table discussion will be done by drawing of lots, to be conducted during a meeting of the extended Bureau.

Introductory statements

6. The Chair of each round-table discussion will open the discussions and make a brief introductory statement. The Secretariat may be invited to make brief introductory statements.

Interventions

7. There will be no list of speakers. Delegations wishing to make interventions will do so by drawing the attention of the Chair.

8. In view of the duration of each round-table discussion, it is envisaged that there will be no prepared or national statements, and it is recommended that interventions should be limited to three minutes and take the form of questions or comments on matters covered under the round-table topics, in order to encourage a debate and the exchange of expertise and experiences among participants.

9. Statements by observers will be regulated by the chair of each round-table discussion, in order to allow their participation in the discussions in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and established practice.

Presentation of the outcome of the round-table discussions

10. The chair of each round-table discussion, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will, in his or her individual capacity, summarize the salient points of their round-table discussion and present them to the plenary prior to the closure of the high-level segment.