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¹ The substance of agenda item 4 will be subsumed under the special segment.

² The substance of agenda item 5 will be subsumed under the special segment.

³ The agenda and programme of work for the special segment will be further defined during the intersessional period of the Commission.

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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 for 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 (UNODC).

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-seventh session, on 5 December 2014, opened its fifty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chair, the Second Vice-Chair and the Third Vice-Chair.

The offices of First Vice-Chair and Rapporteur remained vacant. The Commission is expected to elect the First Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur during its consideration of item 1 of the present provisional agenda.

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

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair:	Asia-Pacific States	Arthayudh Srisamoot (Thailand)
First Vice-Chair:	Eastern European States	(to be elected)
Second Vice-Chair:	Western European and other States	Peter Paul van Wulfften Palthe (Netherlands)
Third Vice-Chair:	Latin American and Caribbean States	Antonio Roberto Castellanos López (Guatemala)
Rapporteur:	African States	(to be elected)

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

At its reconvened fifty-seventh session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs adopted decision 57/2, entitled “Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly

on the world drug problem to be held in 2016". In order to ensure continuity with respect to its work preparing for the special session of the General Assembly, a Board tasked by the Commission with the preparations for the special session was created based on the regional distribution of officers of the Bureau of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission. The Board will participate in the meetings of the extended bureaux of the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of the Commission and will assist the Commission and the Chairs of the respective sessions in fulfilling their mandate in accordance with Commission resolution 57/5.

The Board will be in charge of organizing all actions to be taken by the Commission in preparation for the special session and will address all organizational and substantive matters, in an open-ended manner, in preparation for and during the special segments of Commission sessions devoted to the preparations for the special session, and will facilitate the participation of all States Members and observers of the United Nations, along with organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks and other relevant international and regional organizations, parliamentarians, the scientific community and civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, in its preparations for the special session, in full compliance with Commission resolution 57/5 and General Assembly resolution 69/200.

Pursuant to its decision 57/2, the Commission elected the Chair of the Board at the opening of its fifty-eighth session, on 5 December 2014. The nomination for the office of Second Vice-Chair remained pending until 9 January 2015, when the Eastern European States nominated Károly Dán of Hungary for that office. The nomination for the office of Third Vice-Chair remained pending until 11 December 2014, when the Western European and other States nominated Luís Pedro Moitinho de Almeida of Portugal for that office. The offices of First and Fourth Vice-Chair remained vacant. The Commission is expected to elect all remaining officers during its consideration of item 1 of the present provisional agenda.

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

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	African States	Khaled Abdelrahman Shamaa (Egypt)
First Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	(to be elected)
Second Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	Károly Dán (Hungary) (designate)
Third Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Luís Pedro Moitinho de Almeida (Portugal) (designate)
Fourth Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	(to be elected)

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 UNODC 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-eighth session of the Commission 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 2014/234, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session and approved the provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission.

The Commission, in its resolution 57/5, recognized its leading role in the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations dealing with drug-related matters, and decided to take all possible measures to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process for the special session by using its existing meetings and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner, bearing in mind the decision by the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/193, to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing regular budget resources. The Commission also decided that it would devote eight meetings during its fifty-eighth session, to be held in March 2015, to the preparations for the special session.

At its reconvened fifty-seventh session, held from 3 to 5 December 2014, the Commission recalled that the extended bureau meetings of 21 October and 26 November 2014 and the Commission intersessional meeting of 23 October 2014 had recommended Monday, 9 March, to Tuesday, 17 March 2015, as dates for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, with the special segment to be held from Monday, 9 March to Thursday, 12 March 2015. Furthermore, the dates of 10 and 11 December 2015 had been recommended for the reconvened fifty-eighth session of the Commission.

In accordance with Commission decision 55/1, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions is one month in advance of the commencement of the session. The Commission recommended that the deadline be set for Monday, 9 February 2015, at noon.

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

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.7/2015/1)

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**
- (c) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters**

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 UNODC 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 UNODC (E/CN.7/2015/2-E/CN.15/2015/2), which contains an overview of the Office's activities during 2014, inter alia, in the areas of countering transnational organized crime and illicit drug trafficking; drug prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration, prevention and treatment of drug-related HIV/AIDS; alternative development; and research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support. The report also contains information on Commission resolution 57/11, on strengthening and expanding international cooperation to counter the threats posed by illicit production and manufacturing, trafficking and abuse of drugs in the Greater Mekong subregion; resolution 57/4, on supporting recovery from substance use disorders; resolution 56/9, on strengthening of the principle of common and shared responsibility as the basis for guiding international action in combating the world drug problem with a comprehensive and balanced approach; and resolution 56/6, on intensifying the efforts to achieve the targets of the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS among people who use drugs, in particular the target to reduce HIV transmission among people who inject drugs by 50 per cent by 2015.

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2013/246, entitled "Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime", decided to renew the mandate 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 part of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in the first half of 2015, at which time the Commission would carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the

working group and consider the extension of its mandate. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission resolution 52/13. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and recommendations of that working group with regard to its mandate and future work (E/CN.7/2015/6-E/CN.15/2015/6).

Pursuant to its resolution 56/11, the Commission will have before it a report of the Secretariat on the implementation of resolutions and decisions relating to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime adopted since 2012 in which action by the Office was requested (E/CN.7/2015/10).

At its reconvened fifty-seventh session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs adopted resolution 57/12, entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”, in which it approved the projected resources for that biennium for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme. At that session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2014/18-E/CN.15/2014/21).

At its reconvened fifty-seventh session, the Commission approved an amendment to the provisional agenda and included a sub-item (c), “Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters” under agenda 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”. Under this item, the Secretariat will provide an oral report to the Commission on its human resources policies, guided by relevant decisions of the General Assembly and by decisions of the Secretary-General in line with his functions and prerogatives foreseen in the Charter of the United Nations.

At its reconvened fifty-eighth session, on 10 and 11 December 2015, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for UNODC and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for UNODC.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2015/2-E/CN.15/2015/2)

Note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2015/6-E/CN.15/2015/6)

Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of resolutions and decisions relating to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime adopted since 2012 in which action by the Office was requested (E/CN.7/2015/10)

Normative segment**4. Round-table discussions: implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem**

- (a) Demand reduction and related measures
- (b) Supply reduction and related measures
- (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation

The substance of agenda item 4 will be subsumed under the special segment.

5. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

- (a) Demand reduction and related measures
- (b) Supply reduction and related measures
- (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation

The substance of agenda item 5 will be subsumed under the special segment.

6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

Under item 6, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

- (a) **Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations**

At its fifty-sixth session, the Commission decided to add to the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session, under item 10, a sub-item entitled “Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations”, in order to assist Member States in applying the existing scheduling procedures contained in the three international drug control conventions.

The Commission will have before it an outcome document of the expert consultations on new psychoactive substances, held in Vienna from 9 to 11 December 2014, organized pursuant to Commission resolution 55/1 on promoting international cooperation in responding to the challenges posed by new psychoactive substances, in which the Commission requested UNODC to exchange information on new psychoactive substances, where appropriate, with relevant international organizations and global and regional cooperation frameworks, including the International Narcotics Control Board, the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and the World Customs Organization.

(b) Changes in the scope of control of substances

Pursuant to article 2, paragraphs 1 and 3, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland notified the Secretary-General of its recommendation that mephedrone (4-methylmethcathinone) should be added to Schedule I of the 1971 Convention. In a note dated 7 February 2014, the Secretary-General transmitted the recommendation and its annexes to all Governments and invited them to submit their comments on economic, social, legal, administrative or other factors that they considered relevant to the possible scheduling of mephedrone under the 1971 Convention. A copy of that notification was also submitted on 10 February 2014 to WHO.

Pursuant to article 2, paragraphs 1 and 3, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, the Government of China notified the Secretary-General of its recommendation that ketamine should be added to Schedule I of the 1971 Convention. In a note dated 14 March 2014, the Secretary-General transmitted the recommendation and its annexes to all Governments and invited them to submit their comments on economic, social, legal, administrative or other factors that they considered relevant to the possible scheduling of ketamine under the 1971 Convention. A copy of that notification was also submitted on 14 March 2014 to WHO.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2015/7), containing the comments received by Governments on the proposed international scheduling of mephedrone and ketamine. The note further contains the recommendation of the thirty-sixth meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence, which critically reviewed the substances.

Pursuant to article 3, paragraphs 1 and 3, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol and article 2, paragraphs 1 and 4, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, the Director-General of WHO notified the Secretary-General of the following recommendations:

(a) AH-7921 should be placed in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention;

(b) *gamma*-Butyrolactone (GBL), 1,4-butanediol, 25B-NBOMe (2C-B-NBOMe), 25C-NBOMe (2C-C-NBOMe) and 25I-NBOMe (2C-I-NBOMe) should be placed in Schedule I of the 1971 Convention;

(c) *N*-Benzylpiperazine (BZP), JWH-018, AM-2201, 3,4-methylenedioxypyrovalerone (MDPV), methylone (*beta*-keto-MDMA) and mephedrone should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 3, paragraph 2, of the 1961 Convention and article 2, paragraph 2, of the 1971 Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note dated 17 December 2014, transmitted that notification and its annexes to all Governments and invited them to submit their comments on economic, social, legal, administrative or other factors that they considered relevant to the possible scheduling under the 1961 and 1971 Conventions of the above-mentioned substances.

The Commission will also have before it a note by the Secretariat on the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2015/8), containing the comments received by Governments on the proposed international scheduling of AH-7921, GBL, 1,4-butanediol, 25B-NBOMe (2C-B-NBOMe), 25C-NBOMe (2C-C-NBOMe), 25I-NBOMe (2C-I-NBOMe), BZP, JWH-018, AM-2201, MDPV, methylone (*beta*-keto-MDMA) and mephedrone. The note further contains the recommendation and assessment of the thirty-sixth meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence.

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.

(c) 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 2014 (E/INCB/2014/1) 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 report of the Board for 2014 on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2014/4) should be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2014 (E/INCB/2014/1), in line with the recent practice of the Commission.

(d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion

Pursuant to resolution 57/10, on preventing the diversion of ketamine from legal sources while ensuring its availability for medical use, data on ketamine are made available through the UNODC early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances, and the latest trends were included in the *2014 Global Synthetic Drugs Assessment*.

(e) 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.3/2014/1), 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, UNODC has created an online directory, available through its website (www.unodc.org/comppauth_dct/en/index.html). Access to the directory is limited to the competent national authorities and requires registration and the issuance of a password.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2015/7)

Note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances: proposed scheduling recommendations by the World Health Organization (E/CN.7/2015/8)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2014 (E/INCB/2014/1)

Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2014 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/2014/4)

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties (ST/NAR.3/2014/1)

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 UNODC 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.7/2015/4.

In its resolution 67/193, 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. 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-seventh session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations made at the Twenty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Addis Ababa from 15 to 19 September 2014; the Twenty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Asunción from 6 to 10 October 2014; the Thirty-eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 21 to 24 October 2014; and the forty-ninth session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, held in Vienna from 10 to 13 November 2014, 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.7/2015/5.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2015/4)

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2015/5)

Special segment

The substance of agenda items 4 and 5 will be taken up during the special segment, in the context of agenda item 8.

8. Preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/193, decided to convene, early in 2016, a special session on the world drug problem to review the progress in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments.

In its resolution 68/197, the Assembly requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the United Nations organ with prime responsibility for drug control matters, to engage in the preparatory process for the special session, including by presenting proposals from the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Commission through the Economic and Social Council in support of the preparatory process, including progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, to be considered by the Assembly starting at its sixty-ninth session.

The Commission, in its resolution 57/5, recognized the leading role of the Commission in the preparations for the special session, and decided to present proposals, for consideration by the General Assembly, regarding all organizational matters, including the agenda, dates, substantive issues to be covered, outcomes and other issues relevant to the successful preparations for the special session.

On 18 December 2014, the General Assembly adopted resolution 69/200 entitled “Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”, and decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, would lead that process by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner, and invited the President of the General Assembly to support, guide and stay involved in the process.

The Assembly also invited organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks, other relevant international organizations, including the International Narcotics Control Board, and regional organizations to contribute fully to the Commission’s preparations for the special session in 2016, in particular by submitting to the Commission, through the Executive Director of UNODC, specific recommendations on the issues to be addressed by the Assembly at that special session.

The Assembly recognized the important role played by civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, in the preparations for and during the fifty-second and the fifty-seventh sessions of the Commission, including their high-level segments, and also recognized the need for their active involvement in the preparations for the special session, as well as the need for their effective, substantive and active involvement during the special session, in accordance with the rules of procedure and practice developed for other special sessions of the General Assembly, and requested the Chair of the Commission to consider undertaking consultations and other appropriate actions in that regard with relevant stakeholders.

Pursuant to resolution 57/5, the Commission has initiated an intensive consultation process with all stakeholders (Member States, United Nations entities, international and regional organizations and civil society) to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process. As an initial step, the Commission established a website for the special session (www.ungass2016.org) to enable global dialogue in an inclusive and transparent manner and to function as a hub of knowledge, evidence and research on various aspects of the world drug problem. All relevant United Nations entities and international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, have been invited to send written contributions to the Secretariat. All contributions received are posted on the website, along with the agendas of and presentations made during the intersessional meetings and information on informal interactive discussions and side events that have been organized in the meantime.

In its resolution 57/5, the Commission requested UNODC, as the leading entity in the United Nations system for countering the world drug problem, to provide substantive expertise and technical support for the preparatory process for the special session, and requested the Secretariat to prepare a report for consideration by the Commission before or at its reconvened fifty-seventh session, containing recommendations on the preparations for, the possible outcomes of and organizational matters relating to the special session.

At its reconvened fifty-seventh session, the Commission considered a report of the Secretariat entitled “Special segment: preparations for, the possible outcomes of and organizational matters relating to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016” (E/CN.7/2014/17) and proposals by the Chair of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs relating to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (E/CN.7/2014/CRP.15).

At that session, the Commission adopted decision 57/2, entitled “Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”, pursuant to which a Board tasked by the Commission with preparations for the special session was established, based on the regional distribution of officers of the Bureau of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission.

Pursuant to decision 57/2, the Board will be in charge of organizing all actions to be taken by the Commission in preparation for the special session and will address all organizational and substantive matters, in an open-ended manner, in preparation for and during the special segments of Commission sessions devoted to the preparations for the special session, and will facilitate the participation of all States Members and

observers of the United Nations, organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks and other relevant international and regional organizations, parliamentarians, the scientific community and civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, in its preparations for the special session, in full compliance with Commission resolution 57/5 and General Assembly resolution 69/200.

At its reconvened fifty-seventh session, the Commission also adopted the provisional agenda for the special segment to be held during the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in March 2015, on preparations for the special session. In accordance with that agenda, the special segment will be conducted as follows:

1. Opening of the special segment.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. General debate on the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.
4. Interactive discussions on high-level segments to be held during the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.
5. Provisional agendas for subsequent special segments to be held by the Commission in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016, and the organization of the intersessional work of the Commission.
6. Other business.
7. Closure and outcome of the special segment.

The provisional agenda and programme of work will be further developed during the intersessional period of the Commission.

The Commission will have for its consideration a number of reports prepared by the Secretariat relating to the matters below.

Demand reduction and related measures

In its resolution 53/16, the Commission requested the Executive Director to continue to submit to the Commission the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs, in accordance with the reporting mandates of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse is contained in document E/CN.7/2015/3.

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”, UNODC transmitted to the secretariat of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) the report on the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, which contains relevant resolutions. Also pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, relevant decisions of the Programme

Coordinating Board of UNAIDS were communicated to the Commission in document E/CN.7/2015/9.

Supply reduction and related measures

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2015/4), which includes information on the implementation of resolution 53/16, in which the Commission requested the Executive Director to continue to submit to it the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs.

Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation

Pursuant to Commission resolution 56/3, entitled “Strengthening international cooperation in combating illicit opiates originating in Afghanistan through continuous and reinforced support to the Paris Pact initiative”, UNODC will report to the Commission on the progress achieved and measures taken in implementation of the fourth phase of the Paris Pact initiative (E/CN.7/2015/12).

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Executive Director on enhancing international cooperation to strengthen efforts in West Africa to counter illicit drug trafficking, pursuant to resolution 56/16 (E/CN.7/2015/11).

In its resolution 57/1, entitled “Promoting the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Alternative Development and proposal to organize an international seminar/workshop on the implementation of the Guiding Principles”, the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to report on the outcome of the international workshop on the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Alternative Development. UNODC will report orally to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2015/2-E/CN.15/2015/2)

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2015/3)

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2015/4)

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.7/2015/9)

Report of the Executive Director on enhancing international cooperation to strengthen efforts in West Africa to counter illicit drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2015/11)

Report of the Executive Director on strengthening international cooperation in combating illicit opiates originating in Afghanistan through continuous and reinforced support to the Paris Pact initiative (E/CN.7/2015/12)

Report of the Secretariat on the special segment: preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (E/CN.7/2015/13)

Report of the Secretariat on the special segment: preparations for, the possible outcomes of and organizational matters relating to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (E/CN.7/2014/17)

Proposals by the Chair of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs relating to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (E/CN.7/2014/CRP.15)

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9. Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission

Under agenda item 9, the Commission should devote time to the consideration of any further enhancements that it may deem appropriate to the provisional agenda for its fifty-ninth and subsequent sessions. The Commission should also continue its review of its methods of work with a view to making any necessary adjustments and enhancements that it may deem appropriate, including with regard to arrangements for the duration of its sessions held in the first half of each year, deadlines for draft resolutions to be considered at its sessions held in the first half of each year and the content and length of its reports, taking into consideration its decision 55/1, entitled “Organization of work for the future sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs”.

10. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 10 have come to the attention of the Secretariat, and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on the first part of its fifty-eighth session on the afternoon of 17 March 2015, the last day of that part 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. 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. Pursuant to Commission decision 55/1, the formal deadline for submission of draft resolutions to be considered at the fifty-eighth session is four weeks prior to the commencement of the session, i.e. Monday, 9 February 2015, at 12 noon. States members of the Commission intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-eighth session of the Commission are requested to submit them to the Secretariat as early as possible and by the formal deadline.
3. 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.

Proposed organization of work for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 9-17 March 2015, including its special segment

Regular segment

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
Monday, 9 March		
10 a.m.	Opening of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs <i>Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters</i>	

Special segment, 9-12 March 2015

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
Monday, 9 March		
10.15 a.m.	Opening of the special segment Adoption of the organization of work for the special segment and other organizational matters	
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	General debate on the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016	
3-6 p.m.	General debate (<i>continued</i>)	
Tuesday, 10 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Interactive discussion on high-level segments, to be held during the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016	
3-6 p.m.	Interactive discussion on high-level segments to be held during the special session of the General Assembly (<i>continued</i>)	
Wednesday, 11 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Interactive discussion on high-level segments to be held during the special session of the General Assembly (<i>continued</i>)	
3-6 p.m.	Interactive discussion on high-level segments to be held during the special session of the General Assembly (<i>continued</i>)	
Thursday, 12 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	General debate (<i>continued</i>) Provisional agendas for subsequent special segments to be held by the Commission in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016, and organization of the intersessional work of the Commission	Consideration of draft resolutions

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
3-6 p.m.	Other business	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
	Closure and outcome of the special segment	

Regular segment (*continued*)

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
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Friday, 13 March

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (<i>continued</i>)	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
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Operational segment

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

- (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
- (c) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters

Normative segment

Item 6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

- (a) Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations
- (b) Changes in the scope of control of substances
- (c) International Narcotics Control Board
- (d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion
- (e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties (continued)</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Monday, 16 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties (continued)</i>	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>)
Tuesday, 17 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 9. Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
	<i>Item 10. Other business</i>	
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session</i>	