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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 it 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-ninth session, on 2 December 2016, opened its sixtieth session for the sole purpose of electing its Bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chair, the First Vice-Chair and the Third Vice-Chair. The nomination for the office of Rapporteur remained pending until 13 January 2017, when the group of Eastern European States nominated Mirta Mandić of Croatia for the office. The office of Second 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, the officers of the Commission at its sixtieth session and their respective regional groups are as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	Western European and other States	Bente Angell-Hansen (Norway)
First Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Alicia Buenrostro Massieu (Mexico)
Second Vice-Chair	African States	(<i>To be elected</i>)
Third Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Reza Najafi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Rapporteur	Eastern European States	Mirta Mandic (Croatia) (<i>designate</i>)

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.

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 UNODC and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Office.

The provisional agenda for the sixtieth 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 2016/246, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its fifty-ninth session and approved the provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Commission.

At its reconvened fifty-ninth session, held from 30 November to 2 December 2016, the Commission decided that its sixtieth session would be held from Monday, 13 March to Friday, 17 March 2017, with pre-session consultations to be held on 10 March 2017. The Commission also decided that it would hold its reconvened sixtieth session on 7 and 8 December 2017, with the understanding that the finalized dates for that

session would have to be determined in view of the follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem.

At the same session, the Commission also decided that the substance of item 4 would be subsumed under item 6 and that item 6 would be reformulated as follows: “Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session”.

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 decided that the deadline would be set for Monday, 13 February 2017, 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 sixtieth session. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda ([E/CN.7/2017/1](#))

Operational segment

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 - (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions**
- (c) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters**

For its consideration of item 3, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC ([E/CN.7/2017/2-E/CN.15/2017/2](#)), which contains an overview of the activities of the Office during 2016, inter alia, in the areas of drug prevention, treatment and reintegration and the prevention and treatment of drug-related HIV/AIDS; availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes; cross-cutting issues, including drugs and human rights, youth, children, women and communities; countering drug trafficking; alternative development; countering transnational organized crime and corruption; preventing terrorism; crime prevention and criminal justice; and research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2015/234, 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”, in which the Council 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 2017, both Commissions should 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 on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13.

At its sixtieth session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group that will contain the recommendations of that working group with regard to its mandate and future work ([E/CN.7/2017/3-E/CN.15/2017/3](#) and Add.1).

At its reconvened fifty-eighth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs adopted resolution 58/12, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”. At its reconvened fifty-ninth session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2016/17-E/CN.15/2016/14](#)) and the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within the Office ([E/CN.7/2016/18-E/CN.15/2016/15](#) and Corr.1).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2017/2-E/CN.15/2017/2](#))

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.7/2017/3-E/CN.15/2017/3](#) and Add.1)

Normative segment

4. Round-table discussions or thematic debate

The substance of agenda item 4 will be subsumed under agenda item 6.

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

In the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, 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 the 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 Plan of Action.

The Commission will have before it a number of documents for its consideration, as set out below.

(a) Demand reduction and related measures

In its resolution 53/16, the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to continue to submit to it 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. Furthermore, in its resolution 54/9, the Commission requested the Executive Director to provide an overview of measures and activities undertaken by UNODC to enhance the scientific quality of its reporting mechanisms and the support given to Member States in developing their capacity for data collection and analysis. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse is contained in document [E/CN.7/2017/4](#).

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) are transmitted to the Commission in a note by the Secretariat on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission and the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS ([E/CN.7/2017/7](#)).

(b) 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.7/2017/5](#)), 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. The report provides an overview of the latest trends in illicit drug production and trafficking worldwide.

(c) 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 to implement the fourth phase of the Paris Pact initiative ([E/CN.7/2017/9](#) and Add.1).

The Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2017/2-E/CN.15/2017/2](#)), which includes information on the Office’s Global Programme against Money-Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and the Financing of Terrorism and related international judicial cooperation.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2017/2-E/CN.15/2017/2](#))

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse ([E/CN.7/2017/4](#))

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking ([E/CN.7/2017/5](#))

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.7/2017/7](#))

Report of the Secretariat on strengthening international cooperation in combating illicit opiates originating in Afghanistan through continuous and reinforced support to the Paris Pact initiative ([E/CN.7/2017/9](#) and Add.1)

6. Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 67/193, 69/200 and 70/181, the General Assembly convened a special session on the world drug problem from 19 to 21 April 2016 in New York. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, under the guidance of the President of the General Assembly, led the preparatory process for the special session by addressing all organizational and substantive preparations, including the negotiation of the outcome document, entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”, which was adopted by the General Assembly on 19 April 2016 in its resolution S-30/1.

The outcome document contains operational recommendations on seven thematic areas:

- (a) Demand reduction and related measures, including prevention and treatment, as well as other health-related issues;
- (b) Ensuring the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion;
- (c) Supply reduction and related measures; effective law enforcement; responses to drug-related crime; and countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation;
- (d) Cross-cutting issues: drugs and human rights, youth, children, women and communities;
- (e) Cross-cutting issues in addressing and countering the world drug problem: evolving reality, trends and existing circumstances, emerging and persistent challenges and threats, including new psychoactive substances, in conformity with the three international drug control conventions and other relevant international instruments;
- (f) Strengthening international cooperation based on the principle of common and shared responsibility;
- (g) Alternative development; regional, interregional and international cooperation on development-oriented balanced drug control policy; addressing socioeconomic issues.

In the outcome document, Member States resolved to take the steps necessary to implement the operational recommendations, in close partnership with the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations and civil society, and to share with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control matters, timely information on progress made in the implementation of those recommendations.

At its intersessional meeting held on 8 September 2016, the Commission decided to hold a series of intersessional meetings consisting of thematic discussions on the implementation of the seven thematic areas of the outcome document.

A first round of thematic discussions, chaired by Pedro Moitinho de Almeida (Portugal), who had been appointed as post-special session facilitator of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, was held in October 2016. The concluding remarks by the facilitator were made available to the Commission at its reconvened fifty-ninth session ([E/CN.7/2016/CRP.12](#)).

On 30 November 2016, as part of its reconvened fifty-ninth session, the Commission held a special segment on the follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem that had been held in April 2016. The Commission decided

to hold a second round of thematic discussions from 23 to 25 January 2017, chaired by the post-special session facilitator of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, that would cover all seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session. The discussions would be focused on action that could be taken by the Commission, including at the regular part of its sixtieth session, to support Member States in the implementation of the operational recommendations contained in the outcome document. Member States and all interested stakeholders were encouraged to continue to share information on activities, experiences and good practices with regard to implementing the recommendations contained in the outcome document, for posting on the website of the special session (www.ungass2016.org).

In that regard, it is important to recall that, in its resolution 71/211, the General Assembly encouraged all relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to identify operational recommendations in the outcome document that fell within their area of specialization and to commence implementing the recommendations that were within their existing mandates, in collaboration and cooperation with UNODC and the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), keeping the Commission on Narcotic Drugs informed of programmes and progress made to achieve goals set out in the outcome document. In the same resolution, the Assembly also encouraged the Commission and UNODC to further increase cooperation and collaboration with all relevant United Nations entities and international financial institutions, within their respective mandates, when assisting Member States in designing and implementing comprehensive, integrated and balanced national drug strategies, policies and programmes. Also in the same resolution, the Assembly welcomed the commencement of the follow-up to the implementation of the recommendations set out in the outcome document through the intersessional process of the Commission, encouraged the Commission to continue working on and supporting Member States in the implementation and sharing of best practices corresponding to the seven thematic areas of the outcome document and invited the Commission to examine how its subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the implementation of the outcome document, including by ensuring that the Commission was informed of regional and domestic concerns, developments and best practices arising from all stakeholders, including contributions from the scientific community, academia and civil society.

Documentation

Outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem” (General Assembly resolution S-30/1, annex)

7. Preparations for the sixty-second session of the Commission, to be held in 2019

In the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, Member States decided to establish 2019 as a target date for States to eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably: (a) the illicit cultivation of opium poppy, coca bush and cannabis plant; (b) the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; and drug-related health and social risks; (c) the illicit production, manufacture, marketing and distribution of, and trafficking in, psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs; (d) the diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors; and (e) money-laundering related to illicit drugs. In the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, Member States reaffirmed their commitment to implementing effectively the provisions set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, mindful of the targets and goals set therein, as well as to addressing the general challenges and priorities for action identified in the Joint Ministerial Statement adopted at the high-level review by the

Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action in March 2014.

In the light of the specific reference made in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action to the year 2019, the Commission may wish to decide at its sixtieth session how it wishes to organize its sixty-second session, to be held in 2019.

8. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

Under item 8, 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

The 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” was added to the provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission and maintained on the agendas of the subsequent sessions, in order to assist Member States in applying the existing scheduling procedures contained in the three international drug control conventions.

Under the sub-item, the Commission will address the ongoing challenge of identifying and detecting new psychoactive substances. In its resolutions 58/9 and 58/11, the Commission invited the World Health Organization (WHO), with the support of UNODC and other relevant international and regional organizations, to continue reviewing, and to prioritize the review of, the most prevalent, persistent and harmful new psychoactive substances, based on the conclusions of the joint UNODC and WHO expert consultation on new psychoactive substances held in Vienna from 9 to 11 December 2014.

The Commission, in its resolution 59/8, invited WHO, with the support of UNODC, relevant regional organizations and Member States, to continue conducting regular, efficient, transparent and timely reviews of the most harmful, prevalent and persistent new psychoactive substances and to use the potential impact of toxicity at both the population and individual levels as the primary factor in prioritizing substances for review.

Member States resolved, in the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, to strengthen national and international action to address the emerging challenge of new psychoactive substances, including their adverse health consequences, and the evolving threat of amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine, and underscored the importance of enhancing information-sharing and early warning networks, developing appropriate national legislative, prevention and treatment models and supporting scientific evidence-based review and scheduling of the most prevalent, persistent and harmful substances.

Reference is made to the importance and relevance of the UNODC early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances, which enables emerging trends in new psychoactive substances to be monitored and allows data collection and information-sharing with Member States. To further assist in generating and analysing data on the situation with respect to amphetamine-type stimulants and new psychoactive substances and to use the potential impact of toxicity as the primary factor in prioritizing substances for review, UNODC continues to implement the global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends (SMART) programme and to tailor it to address new challenges.

(b) Changes in the scope of control of substances

Pursuant to article 2, paragraphs 1 and 4, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and article 3, paragraphs 1 and 3, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Director-General of WHO notified the Secretary-General in her communication of 25 November 2016 of the following recommendations:

- (a) U-47700 should be placed in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention as amended;
- (b) Butyrfentanyl should be placed in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention as amended;
- (c) 4-MEC (4-methylethcathinone) should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (d) Ethylone should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (e) Pentadrone should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (f) Ethylphenidate should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (g) MPA (methiopropamine) should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (h) MDMB-CHMICA should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (i) 5F-APINACA (5F-AKB-48) should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (j) XLR-11 should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention.

In the same communication, the Director-General of WHO informed the Secretary-General that, at its thirty-eighth meeting, the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence had decided to carry out a critical review at a subsequent meeting of 3-MMC (3-methylmethcathinone) and to continue to monitor JWH-073. The Director-General also informed the Secretary-General that the Expert Committee would hold a meeting dedicated to cannabis and its component substances within the 18 months following its thirty-eighth meeting and that the Committee would carry out pre-reviews for cannabis plant and cannabis resin, extracts and tinctures of cannabis, *delta*-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), cannabidiol (CBD) and stereoisomers of THC.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the scope of control of substances ([E/CN.7/2017/8](#) and [Add.1](#)), containing the comments received from Governments on the proposed international scheduling of U-47700, butyrfentanyl, 4-MEC (4-methylethcathinone), ethylone, pentadrone, ethylphenidate, MPA (methiopropamine), MDMB-CHMICA, 5F-APINACA (5F-AKB-48) and XLR-11. The note also contains relevant extracts of the report of the thirty-eighth meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence, containing its recommendations and the assessments and findings on which those recommendations are based.

Pursuant to article 12, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, the Government of the United States of America requested, through a letter from the Secretary of State to the Secretary-General of the United Nations dated 5 October 2016, the inclusion of *N*-phenetyl-4-piperidinone (NPP) and 4-anilino-*N*-phenethylpiperidine (ANPP) in the tables of the 1988 Convention. That request was shared with Governments and INCB through a note verbale dated 25 October 2016, by which Governments were invited to communicate their comments concerning the notification, together with all supplementary information, by means of two questionnaires that were attached to the

note and that may assist the Board in establishing an assessment and the Commission in reaching a decision. A reminder note was sent on 5 December 2016.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the scope of control of substances under the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 ([E/CN.7/2017/10](#)).

(c) International Narcotics Control Board

The annual report of INCB 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, 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 2016 ([E/INCB/2016/1](#)) 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 2016 on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention ([E/INCB/2016/4](#)) should be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2016 ([E/INCB/2016/1](#)), 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

The outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016 includes a thematic area containing operational recommendations on ensuring the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion.

In 2015, as a supplement to its annual report, INCB issued a special report entitled *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board on the Availability of Internationally Controlled Drugs: Ensuring Adequate Access for Medical and Scientific Purposes* ([E/INCB/2015/1/Supp.1](#)).

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

Following the regular part of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held in March 2016, and in view of the decisions taken by the Commission on the changes in the scope of control of substances, the *Multilingual Dictionary of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under International Control* has been updated. In addition, the newly scheduled substances have been included in the UNODC international collaborative exercise for national drug-testing laboratories and limited amounts of reference standards of the substances are available upon request.

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.3/2016/1](#)), 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/compauth_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 the scope of control of substances: proposed scheduling recommendations by the World Health Organization ([E/CN.7/2017/8](#) and [Add.1](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the scope of control of substances under the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 ([E/CN.7/2017/10](#))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2016 ([E/INCB/2016/1](#))

Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2016 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 ([E/INCB/2016/4](#))

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties ([ST/NAR.3/2016/1](#))

9. Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission

In its resolution 69/201, 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 the results of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies held since the fifty-ninth session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations made at the Twenty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Addis Ababa from 19 to 23 September 2016; the Twenty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago from 3 to 7 October 2016; the Fortieth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Colombo from 24 to 27 October 2016; and the fifty-first session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, held in Riyadh from 20 to 24 November 2016, 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.7/2017/6](#).

In the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, Member States recommended strengthening, including through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and, as appropriate, its subsidiary bodies, the regular exchange of information, good practices and lessons learned among national practitioners from different fields and at all levels to effectively implement an integrated and balanced approach to the world drug problem and its various aspects and consider additional measures to further facilitate meaningful discussion among those practitioners.

One of the initiatives taken to facilitate the subsidiary bodies' efforts to implement the recommendations contained in the outcome document has been the addition of a working group dedicated to the cross-cutting issues identified in that document. The work of that working group complements that of the other working groups of the meetings held in 2016, namely: the working group on mainstreaming of gender perspectives in drug-related policies (Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific); the working group

on specific needs and circumstances of children and youth with regard to the world drug problem (Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, and the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East); and the working group on access to controlled substances (Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa).

As already mentioned under agenda item 6 above, in its resolution 71/211, the General Assembly invited the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to examine how its subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the implementation of the outcome document, including by ensuring that the Commission was informed of regional and domestic concerns, developments and best practices arising from all stakeholders, including contributions from the scientific community, academia and civil society. The Commission might wish to consider how it can best respond to that invitation.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs ([E/CN.7/2017/6](#))

10. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

At its fifty-eighth session, in March 2015, the Commission decided to include a standing item on its agenda focusing on its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1. Pursuant to that resolution, the Council is expected to, inter alia, ensure the harmonization and coordination of the agendas and work programmes of the functional commissions by promoting a clearer division of labour among them and providing clear policy guidance to them. In accordance with that same resolution, the Commission has been contributing, as appropriate, to the work of the Council relating to the common themes of the annual framework of the Council. The theme for the 2017 session of the Council is: “Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges”.

In September 2015, the General Assembly adopted resolution 70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda. In that outcome document, Heads of State and Government and High Representatives envisaged that thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, would take place at the high-level political forum on sustainable development and that those reviews would be supported by reviews by the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums. The high-level political forum, which has a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes, holds annual meetings under the auspices of the Council, which will pave the ground for the forum’s quadrennial meetings under the auspices of the General Assembly.

At its fifty-ninth session, in March 2016, when the Commission considered its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, reference was made to, inter alia, the importance of working together effectively towards the timely achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the role of the Commission in that regard.

In the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly held in 2016, Member States welcomed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and noted

that efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and to effectively address the world drug problem were complementary and mutually reinforcing. Also in the outcome document, Member States encouraged the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to contribute to the global follow-up and support the thematic review of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, within its mandates, bearing in mind the integrated nature of the Goals as well as the interlinkages between them, and make that information available to the high-level political forum on sustainable development through the appropriate institutional framework, taking into account General Assembly resolution 70/1.

In its resolution 70/299, entitled “Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”, the General Assembly decided that the theme for the high-level political forum in 2017 would be “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world” and that, in 2017, the set of Goals to be reviewed in depth would be Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly encouraged coherence of the Assembly and its Main Committees, the Economic and Social Council, the specialized agencies and the functional commissions of the Council, and other intergovernmental bodies and forums with the work of the high-level political forum towards the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in that regard took note of the ongoing work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, the Council and its functional and regional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and forums on the review of their working methods and agendas in order to ensure that they addressed the implementation of the 2030 Agenda within their respective areas of expertise and mandates, while avoiding duplication. Accordingly, the Commission may wish to use its sixtieth session to further consider how it can best contribute to the follow-up and support the review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, within its mandates, as well as how to further enhance synergies between its work and that of other functional commissions of the Council.

11. Provisional agenda for the sixty-first session of the Commission

Under agenda item 11, the Commission should devote time to the consideration of any further enhancements that it may deem appropriate to the provisional agenda for its sixty-first 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 the part of its sessions held in the first half of each year, deadlines for draft resolutions to be considered at the part of 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”.

12. Other business

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

13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixtieth session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report of the regular part of its sixtieth session in the afternoon of 17 March 2017.

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 its practice, the Commission, at its reconvened fifty-ninth session, held from 30 November to 2 December 2016, agreed that informal consultations would be held on 10 March 2017.
3. 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 sixtieth session is four weeks prior to the commencement of the session, i.e. Monday, 13 February 2017, at 12 noon. States members of the Commission intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission at its sixtieth session are requested to submit them to the Secretariat as early as possible and at the latest by the formal deadline.
4. 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.
5. As discussed during the sixth meeting of the extended Bureau of the Commission, held on 9 November 2016, and the sixth intersessional meeting of the Commission, held on 29 November 2016, allotted speaking times must be strictly adhered to during the sixtieth session.

Informal pre-session consultations, 10 March 2016

<i>Date and time</i>	
Friday, 10 March	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Informal consultations
3-6 p.m.	Informal consultations

Proposed organization of work for the sixtieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 13-17 March 2017

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
Monday, 13 March		
9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p>Opening of the sixtieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs</p> <p><i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters</p> <p>Operational segment</p> <p><i>Item 3.</i> Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions:</p> <p>(a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives;</p> <p>(b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;</p> <p>(i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;</p> <p>(ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions;</p> <p>(c) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters.</p>	
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 3.</i> Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions (<i>continued</i>)</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions
Tuesday, 14 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 3.</i> Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Normative segment</p> <p><i>Item 5.</i> Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem:</p> <p>(a) Demand reduction and related measures;</p> <p>(b) Supply reduction and related measures;</p> <p>(c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation.</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 5.</i> 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>continued</i>)</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 15 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 6.</i> Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)

3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 6.</i> Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><i>Item 7.</i> Preparations for the sixty-second session of the Commission, to be held in 2019</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 16 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 8.</i> Implementation of the international drug control treaties:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(b) Changes in the scope of control of substances;</p> <p>(c) International Narcotics Control Board;</p> <p>(d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion;</p> <p>(e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties.</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 8.</i> Implementation of the international drug control treaties (<i>continued</i>)	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 17 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 9.</i> Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission</p> <p><i>Item 10.</i> Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 11.</i> Provisional agenda for the sixty-first session of the Commission</p> <p><i>Item 12.</i> Other business</p> <p><i>Item 13.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixtieth session</p>	