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## Commission on Narcotic Drugs

### Reconvened sixtieth session

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## Annotated provisional agenda

### Addendum

### Annotations

#### 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/259, entitled “Joint meetings of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, decided that, starting in 2011, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice would hold joint meetings during their reconvened sessions for the purpose of considering agenda items included in the operational segment of the agendas of both Commissions, with a view to providing integrated policy directives to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on administrative, budgetary and strategic management issues. The Council also decided that the practice of holding back-to-back reconvened sessions of the Commissions would be continued to enable each Commission to consider, in separate meetings, agenda items included in the normative segment of its agenda.

In accordance with that decision, two meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be held jointly with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice during their reconvened sessions in order to consider agenda item 3, on 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. The remaining items on the agenda will be considered thereafter in a separate meeting. This is reflected in the proposed organization of work contained in the annex to the present document.

### Documentation

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



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 its decision 2017/236, 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”, the Economic and Social Council, inter alia, decided to renew the mandate of the working group 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 2021, at which time the 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.

Furthermore, in its resolution 60/3, the Commission requested the working group to continue discussing the biennial consolidated budget of UNODC, the governance and financial situation of UNODC, evaluation and oversight, strengthening human resources governance to improve the gender balance and geographical representation, as well as other matters. The Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group ([E/CN.7/2017/3/Add.2-E/CN.15/2017/3/Add.2](#)).

At its reconvened sixtieth session, the Commission is expected to review and approve the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018-2019 for UNODC. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018-2019 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2017/12-E/CN.15/2017/14](#)) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018-2019 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2017/13-E/CN.15/2017/15](#)).

The Commission will also consider and review the proposed strategic framework for the period 2020-2021 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2017/CRP.8-E/CN.15/2017/CRP.7](#)).

In its resolution 59/9, the Commission requested UNODC, while upholding Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, to intensify its efforts to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular in the Professional and higher categories, by, inter alia, intensifying outreach efforts, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next session. Furthermore, the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to intensify the efforts of the Office to achieve the goal of a 50/50 gender balance within the Professional and higher categories, including for field representatives, while upholding Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, by, inter alia, intensifying outreach efforts, and to report on the progress of such measures to the Commission at its sixtieth session. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographic representation within UNODC ([E/CN.7/2017/14-E/CN.15/2017/16](#)).

Item 3 will be considered at the joint meetings with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice pursuant to Council decision 2011/259.

### **Documentation**

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/Add.2-E/CN.15/2017/3/Add.2](#))

Report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018-2019 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2017/12-E/CN.15/2017/14](#))

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018-2019 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2017/13-E/CN.15/2017/15](#))

Report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2017/14-E/CN.15/2017/16](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2020-2021 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2017/CRP.8-E/CN.15/2017/CRP.7](#))

## **8. 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**

At the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, Member States were called on to share relevant information with, as appropriate, and strengthen the capacity of the World Health Organization (WHO), UNODC, the International Narcotics Control Board and other relevant international and regional organizations to prioritize the review of the most prevalent, persistent and harmful new psychoactive substances and to facilitate informed scheduling decisions by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. 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, UNODC continues to implement the global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends (SMART) programme. Information and expertise is provided to WHO to support the prioritization and assessment of substances to be placed under international control.

In its resolution 58/11, the Commission invited WHO to provide regular and timely recommendations for the scheduling of new psychoactive substances by continuing to explore the potential of assessing structurally related substances and substances with similar harm and dependence potential, enhance data-collection tools and contribute to the development of rapid assessment strategies based on all available sources of information.

In that resolution, WHO was further invited to present its scheduling recommendations to the Commission at its annual reconvened session in order to help Member States prepare for forthcoming scheduling decisions at the following regular session of the Commission.

The thirty-ninth meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence is scheduled to be held in Geneva from 6 to 10 November 2017. The Committee will evaluate the dependence-producing properties and harm to health of 16 psychoactive substances.

It is expected that WHO will report orally to the Commission about the outcome of the meeting. Pursuant to the international drug control treaties, recommendations on whether or not the substances considered should be placed under international control are made to the Secretary-General, in the form of a notification, and will be acted upon by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its sixty-first session in March 2018.

**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 sixtieth session, in March 2017, when the Commission considered its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, it was noted that the Commission addressed the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development within its areas of expertise and had been submitting concrete and substantive contributions to the Council on the progress made with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals. The importance of strengthening the collection and analysis of accurate, reliable and comparable data on all aspects of the world drug problem was highlighted, as was the cooperation between the Commission and the Statistical Commission. The Commission may wish to use its reconvened sixtieth session to further consider how it can, within its mandates, best contribute to the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda and support the review of its implementation, and how it can further enhance synergies between its work and that of the other functional commissions of the Council.

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

Under agenda item 11, the Commission may wish to consider and discuss the preparations for its sixty-first session, including the provisional agenda and the dates for the regular and reconvened parts of that session.

**12. Other business**

No issues that need to be raised under agenda item 12 have been brought 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**

Under item 13, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its reconvened sixtieth session.

*Opening of the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and election of officers*

Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the officers of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs hold office until their successors are elected, and they are eligible for re-election.

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from 2000, the Commission should, at the end of each session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play an active role in the preparations for both the regular and the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance.

Pursuant to section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission is invited to open, at the end of its reconvened sixtieth session, on 8 December 2017, its sixty-first session for the sole purpose of electing the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur for that session.

In view of the established practice of rotating the offices on the basis of regional distribution, the officers to be elected by the Commission for its sixty-first session will be from the regional groups as follows:

<i>Chair:</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States
<i>First Vice-Chair:</i>	African States
<i>Second Vice-Chair:</i>	Asia-Pacific States
<i>Third Vice-Chair:</i>	Eastern European States
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Western European and other States

In accordance with established practice and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39, 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 will assist the Chair in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, will constitute the extended Bureau.

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## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

The proposed organization of work shown below is subject to approval by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. As soon as discussion on an item has been concluded, the following item 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. on Thursday, 7 December, and Friday, 8 December 2017.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Thursday, 7 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Opening of the reconvened sixtieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters ( <i>continued</i> )
		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 ( <i>continued</i> ) ( <i>joint meeting</i> )
Friday, 8 December	3-6 p.m.	3	Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ( <i>continued</i> ) ( <i>joint meeting</i> )
	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	8	Implementation of the international drug control treaties ( <i>continued</i> )
		10	Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution <a href="#">68/1</a> , including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ( <i>continued</i> )
		11	Provisional agenda for the sixty-first session of the Commission ( <i>continued</i> )
		12	Other business ( <i>continued</i> )
		13	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixtieth session