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Organization of the session and administrative matters

A. Informal pre-session consultations

1. At the informal pre-session consultations chaired by the First Vice-Chair, Dominika Krois (Poland), held on 28 February 2020, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs conducted a preliminary review of draft proposals that had been submitted by the deadline of 3 February 2020, pursuant to Commission decision 55/1, and dealt with organizational matters of the sixty-third session.

B. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Commission held its sixty-third session in Vienna from 2 to 6 March 2020. The Chair of the Commission opened the session. A presentation was made by the Chief of the United Nations Vienna Medical Services. The Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) made an opening statement. A statement was also made by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board. The Commission then viewed a video message from the Director-General of the World Health Organization.

3. Opening statements were made by the observer for Malaysia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the representative of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States) and the representative of Croatia (on behalf of the European Union and its member States and Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, North Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine).

C. Attendance

4. The session was attended by representatives of [...] States members of the Commission ([...] were not represented). Also attending were observers for [...] other States Members of the United Nations, as well as non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental,



non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.7/2020/INF/2.

D. Election of officers

5. 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 UNODC.

6. In accordance with that resolution and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened sixty-second session, on 13 December 2019, opened its sixty-third session for the 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.

7. On 10 December 2019, the Group of Eastern European States nominated Dominika Krois (Poland) for the office of First Vice-Chair. On 7 February 2020, the Group of African States nominated Emmanuel Nweke (Nigeria) for the office of Rapporteur. At its 1st meeting, on 2 March 2020, the Commission elected its First Vice-Chair and Rapporteur.

8. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers of the Commission at its sixty-third session and their respective regional groups were as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Mansoor Ahmad Khan (Pakistan)
First Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	Dominika Krois (Poland)
Second Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Ghislain D'hoop (Belgium)
Third Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Gloria Navarrete (Chile)
Rapporteur	African States	Emmanuel Nweke (Nigeria)

9. 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.

10. During the sixty-third session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on 3 March and [...] March 2020 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

E. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

11. At its 1st meeting, on 2 March 2020, the Commission adopted by consensus its provisional agenda and organization of work ([E/CN.7/2020/1](#)), pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2018/246. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. General debate.

Operational segment

4. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions:
 - (a) 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;
 - (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
 - (c) Working methods of the Commission;
 - (d) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters.

Normative segment

5. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:
 - (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances;
 - (b) Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the World Health Organization and the International Narcotics Control Board in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations;
 - (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.
 6. Follow-up to the implementation at the national, regional and international levels of all commitments, as reflected in the Ministerial Declaration of 2019, to address and counter the world drug problem:
 - (a) Consideration of the improved and streamlined annual report questionnaire, as reflected in the Ministerial Declaration of 2019.¹
 7. Inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem.
 8. Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission.
 9. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution [72/305](#), including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
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10. Provisional agenda for the sixty-fourth session of the Commission.
 11. Other business.
 12. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-third session.

¹ Ministerial Declaration on Strengthening Our Actions at the National, Regional and International Levels to Accelerate the Implementation of Our Joint Commitments to Address and Counter the World Drug Problem, eleventh paragraph of the section entitled “Way forward”.