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## Commission on Narcotic Drugs

### Reconvened sixty-third session

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## Draft report

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### Addendum

## Organization of the session and administrative matters

### A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs held its reconvened sixty-third session in Vienna from 2 to 4 December 2020.
2. 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 sole 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 UNODC on administrative, budgetary and strategic management issues. The Council also decided that the practice of holding back-to-back reconvened sessions of both Commissions would be continued to enable each Commission to consider, in separate meetings, agenda items included in the normative segment of its agenda.
3. The Commission held a total of four meetings during its reconvened sixty-third session. Pursuant to Council decision 2011/259, one meeting of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs was held jointly with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in order to consider item 4 of the agenda of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and item 3 of the agenda of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.
4. At the joint plenary meeting, the Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Chair of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice made statements.



## **B. Attendance**

5. The arrangements for the organization of the reconvened sixty-third session had been endorsed by the Commission by means of a silence procedure on 13 November 2020. In accordance with those arrangements, the session was conducted in a hybrid format. Commission members were allowed to be physically present in the conference room, while other Member States and stakeholders joined online.

6. The reconvened sixty-third session was attended by representatives of the 53 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, representatives of entities of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also participated. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.7/2020/INF/3.

## **C. Election of officers**

7. On 11 June 2020, the Group of Western European and other States nominated Wolfgang Amadeus Brühlhart (Switzerland) for the office of Second Vice-Chair for the second half of the sixty-third session, upon the withdrawal of Ghislain D'hoop (Belgium) from the position. At its 1st meeting, on 2 December, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs elected the Second Vice-Chair.

## **D. Documentation**

8. The documents before the Commission at its reconvened sixty-third session are listed in document E/CN.7/2020/CRP.18/Add.1.

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