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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 4, on strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions. The remaining items on the agenda will be considered 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.7/2021/1/Add.1](#))

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

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

In its decision [2021/218](#), the Economic and Social Council decided to extend the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC until the reconvened sessions of the Commissions to be held in December 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 beyond 2021.

At its reconvened sixty-fourth session, the Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group ([E/CN.7/2021/3/Add.1–E/CN.15/2021/3/Add.1](#)).

Budgetary issues

At its reconvened sixty-third session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs adopted resolution 63/6, entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”. In the resolution, the Commission, inter alia, requested UNODC to continue to fully implement Commission resolution 62/9 and regularly report on its implementation to the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the Office. In the same resolution, the Commission requested the Office to continue to report on the financial and governance impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis and on the response of the Office to the crisis, and to present recommendations that may improve the response to potential future crises. The Commission also requested the Office to present suggestions for possible solutions to the budget shortfalls, including those deriving from the liquidity crisis under the regular budget, as well as information on any savings realized and any possible reallocation of resources. In addition, the Commission requested the Executive Director of the Office to present information on the financial implications of the long-term strategy for the Office, as well as information on potential reallocations to address those implications. These matters are being considered by the working group in the course of 2021.

At its reconvened sixty-fourth session, the Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2021/11–E/CN.15/2021/18](#)) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2021/13–E/CN.15/2021/20](#)). The Commission is expected to review and approve the consolidated budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for UNODC.

The Commission will also have before it the proposed programme budget for the year 2023 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2021/CRP.10–E/CN.15/2021/CRP.15](#)).

Human resources issues

In its resolution 62/9, the Commission requested UNODC, in line with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, to enhance its efforts, with a sense of urgency, to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular within the Professional and higher categories, including for field representatives, by, inter alia, intensifying its outreach efforts, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session. In the same resolution, the Commission further requested UNODC to continue to include in such reporting, as well as in the dialogue within the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the Office, disaggregated data on the composition of staff by geographical area and gender, including the staff of the Division for Management and locally

recruited staff, as well as updates on measures taken to improve the geographical distribution of, and ensure gender parity among, its staff, including a description of its internal and external recruitment processes, such as measures in place to ensure transparency. These matters are being considered by the working group in the course of 2021.

At its reconvened sixty-fourth session, the Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within UNODC ([E/CN.7/2021/12–E/CN.15/2021/19](#)).

The agenda item on strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions 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.7/2021/3/Add.1–E/CN.15/2021/3/Add.1](#))

Report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2021/11–E/CN.15/2021/18](#))

Report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2021/12–E/CN.15/2021/19](#))

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2022–2023 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2021/13–E/CN.15/2021/20](#))

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**

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 are provided to WHO to support the prioritization and assessment of substances to be placed under international control. Under agenda item 5, UNODC will present an update on the relevant ongoing work in this area.

Presentation by the World Health Organization of the outcome of the forty-fourth meeting of the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence

In its resolution 58/11, the Commission invited WHO 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 forty-fourth meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence is scheduled to be held from 11 to 15 October 2021. During the meeting, the Committee will undertake critical reviews of five substances, namely, 4F-MDMB-BICA, bupropion, metonitazene, eutylone and benzylone.

It is expected that WHO will report orally to the Commission during its reconvened sixty-fourth session 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 at its session to be held in March 2022.

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

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 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.

In September 2015, by its resolution 70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the General Assembly 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.

In its resolution 72/305, on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, the Assembly requested the Council to improve its outcomes and the outcomes of its subsidiary bodies, making them more relevant, coherent and solution-oriented to address implementation challenges and ensuring their follow-up so as to strengthen the impact of the work of the Council.

In its resolution 74/298, the General Assembly decided to conduct the review of its resolution 72/305, on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, during its seventy-fifth session.

The Commission submitted substantive input to the high-level political forum on sustainable development held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in New York from 6 to 15 July 2021, with the thematic focus “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of

action and delivery for sustainable development”. The Commission also contributed to the integration segment of the 2021 session of the Council, held on 2 July 2021.

On 25 June 2021, the General Assembly adopted resolutions 75/290 A and B, entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, and review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”. In its resolution 75/290 A, the Assembly adopted an annex on the review of the Economic and Social Council, and called upon the Council, its subsidiary bodies and other relevant bodies and platforms of the United Nations system to implement the provisions contained therein in an expeditious manner, and also decided that all mandates contained in resolution 72/305 and all previous related resolutions on strengthening the Economic and Social Council would remain in effect unless updated or replaced in that resolution or subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly and that the mandates contained in the resolution and its annex should be implemented starting with the 2021–2022 cycle of the Council and its preparations. More information on the content of the annex, insofar as it relates to the work of the Commission, will be made available to the Commission at its reconvened sixty-fourth session.

In its resolution 75/290 B, the Assembly decided, inter alia, that the theme for the high-level political forum to be held in 2022 would be “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” and that the Sustainable Development Goals to be reviewed in depth in 2022 would be Goals 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17. It also decided that the high-level political forum should take into account the different and particular impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across all Sustainable Development Goals.

The Commission may wish to use its reconvened sixty-fourth session to further consider how it can best contribute to the follow-up to, and support the review of, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, within its mandates, as well as how to further enhance synergies between its work and that of other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

10. Provisional agenda for the sixty-fifth session of the Commission

Under agenda item 10, the Commission may wish to consider and discuss the preparations for its sixty-fifth session, including the provisional agenda and the dates for the regular and reconvened parts of that session.

11. Other business

No issues to be raised under item 11 have come to the attention of the Secretariat.

12. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-fourth session

Under agenda item 12, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its reconvened sixty-fourth session.

Opening of the sixty-fifth 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 sixty-fourth session, on 10 December 2021, its sixty-fifth 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-fifth session will be from the regional groups as follows:

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

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 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, 9 December 2021, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, 10 December 2021.

It is difficult to anticipate at this stage how the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation will impact the format of the meetings. The Commission will continue to discuss and explore, through its extended Bureau, the possible modalities of the conduct of the December meeting on the basis of further developments with regard to the COVID-19 situation, also bearing in mind the relevant guidance received from the Crisis Management Team of the Vienna International Centre.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Thursday, 9 December	11 a.m.–1 p.m.		Opening of the reconvened sixty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (<i>continued</i>)
		4	Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
	3–5 p.m.	4	Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
Friday, 10 December	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	4	Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (<i>continued</i>)
		5	Implementation of the international drug control treaties (<i>continued</i>)
		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 (<i>continued</i>)
		10	Provisional agenda for the sixty-fifth session of the Commission (<i>continued</i>)
		11	Other business (<i>continued</i>)
		12	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-fourth session (<i>continued</i>)