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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, Wolfgang Amadeus Brühlhart (Switzerland), held on 9 April 2021, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs conducted a preliminary review of draft proposals that had been submitted by the deadline of 15 March 2021, pursuant to Commission decision 55/1, and dealt with organizational matters of the sixty-fourth session.

B. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Commission held its sixty-fourth session in Vienna from 12 to 16 April 2021. The Chair of the Commission opened the session.

C. Ceremonial opening segment

3. At the 1st meeting of the sixty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held on 12 April 2021, the Commission held a ceremonial opening to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 and the fiftieth anniversary of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971. The ceremonial segment was organized in cooperation with WHO, INCB and the Executive Director of UNODC.

4. During the ceremonial opening, an introductory video prepared by UNODC on the international drug control conventions was presented. The following persons made statements:

António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (statement presented by Ghada Waly, Executive Director of UNODC)

Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council (pre-recorded video)

Ghada Waly, Executive Director of UNODC



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (pre-recorded video)

Cornelis de Joncheere, President of the International Narcotics Control Board

Jamie Bridge, Chair of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (online).

D. Attendance

5. The arrangements for the organization of the sixty-fourth session had been endorsed by the Commission by means of a silence procedure on 23 March 2021, and the revised version was endorsed on 6 April 2021. In accordance with those arrangements, the session was conducted in a hybrid format. In-person participation was limited to the opening session, the consideration of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence recommendations and the closing session. In those meetings, delegates of all States members of the United Nations and a limited number of United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council had the opportunity to participate in person. All other meetings were held in a podium-only format, meaning that only the Chair and members of the Secretariat were in the room and delegations were invited to join online.

6. 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.

E. Election of officers

7. 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.

8. 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-third session, on 4 December 2020, opened its sixty-fourth 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.

9. On 7 December 2020, the Group of Asia-Pacific States nominated Begaiym Nurlan of Kyrgyzstan for the office of Rapporteur. On 12 February 2021, the Group of Western European and other States nominated Wolfgang Amadeus Brühlhart (Switzerland) for the office of First Vice-Chair. At its 1st meeting, on 12 April 2021, the Commission elected its First Vice-Chair and Rapporteur.

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

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	Eastern European States	Dominika Krois (Poland)
First Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Wolfgang Amadeus Brühlhart (Switzerland)

Second Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Miguel Camilo Ruíz Blanco (Colombia)
Third Vice-Chair	African States	Bukar Hamman (Nigeria)
Rapporteur	Asia-Pacific States	Begaiym Nurlan (Kyrgyzstan)

11. 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.

12. During the sixty-fourth session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on [...] and [...] April 2021 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

F. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

13. At its 1st meeting, on 12 April 2021, the Commission adopted by consensus its provisional agenda and organization of work ([E/CN.7/2021/1](#)), 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.
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.

10. Provisional agenda for the sixty-fifth session of the Commission.
 11. Other business.
 12. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-fourth session.
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