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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held its seventeenth session in Vienna from 14 to 18 April 2008. The Commission held [...] meetings. The Chairman of the Commission opened the session and delivered an opening statement. The Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) made an opening statement. At its opening meeting, the Commission was also addressed by the observer for Malaysia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the representative of the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of African States), the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), the observer for Slovenia (on behalf of the States members of the European Union and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine, as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway). Statements were also made by the representatives of the Niger and Japan. The observers for Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Guinea, Mali, Togo and Thailand also made statements.

B. Attendance

2. The seventeenth session was attended by representatives of [...] States members of the Commission. Also attending were observers for [...] other States Members of the United Nations, [...] non-member States, representatives of [...] entities of the United Nations system and observers for the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network,

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[...] intergovernmental organizations and [...] non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. A list of participants is contained in annex [...] to the present report.

C. Election of officers

3. The Chairman of the Commission recalled that, in its resolution 2003/31 of 22 July 2003, entitled “Functioning of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, the Economic and Social Council had decided that, with effect from 2004, the Commission should, at the end of its session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play an active role in the preparation of the regular as well as the informal intersessional meetings of the Commission.

4. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, immediately following the closure of its reconvened sixteenth session, on 30 November 2007, the Commission held a meeting of the seventeenth session for the sole purpose of electing the new chairman and other members of the bureau. On that occasion, the Commission elected as its second Vice-Chairman Luis Alberto Padilla (Guatemala), its third Vice-Chairman Thomas Stelzer (Austria) and as its Rapporteur Spica Tutuhatunewa (Indonesia).

5. During the intersessional period, the Group of African States nominated Kenjika Linus Ekedede (Nigeria) for the post of Chairman designate and the Group of Eastern European States nominated Victor Postolachi (Moldova) for the post of First Vice-Chairman designate.

6. Due to the unavailability of Thomas Stelzer, Marie Gervais-Vidricaire (Canada) was nominated for the post of third Vice-Chairperson designate by the Group of Western European and Other States.

7. At its opening meeting, on 14 April 2008, in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission elected the following bureau for the seventeenth session:

<i>Chairman:</i>	Kenjika Linus Ekedede (Nigeria)
<i>First Vice-Chairman:</i>	Victor Postolachi (Moldova)
<i>Second Vice-Chairman:</i>	Luis Alberto Padilla (Guatemala)
<i>Third Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Marie Gervais-Vidricaire (Canada)
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Spica Tutuhatunewa (Indonesia)

8. A group composed of the chairmen of the five regional groups (the representatives of Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Argentina and the observers for Georgia, the Sudan and Sweden), as well as the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the observer for Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union), was established to assist the Chairman of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, constituted the extended bureau foreseen in Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31. During the seventeenth session of the Commission, the extended bureau met on [...] April to consider matters related to the organization of work.

D. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 14 April 2008, the Commission adopted by consensus its provisional agenda (E/CN.15/2008/1), which had been approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2007/251 of 26 July 2007. The Commission also adopted by consensus the annotations to the provisional agenda and its organization of work, contained in the same document. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Thematic discussion on aspects of violence against women that pertain directly to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.
4. World crime trends and responses: integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice:
 - (a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in facilitating the ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;
 - (b) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in facilitating the ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption;
 - (c) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in facilitating the ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism;
 - (d) Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
5. United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice:
 - (a) Follow-up to the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;
 - (b) Preparations for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.
6. Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice.
7. Policy directives for the crime programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as its governing body, including administrative, strategic management and budgetary questions.
8. Provisional agenda for the eighteenth session.
9. Other business.
10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventeenth session.

E. Documentation

10. The documents before the Commission at its seventeenth session are listed in annex [...] to the present report.
