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#### Draft report

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#### Addendum

#### Other business

##### A. Structure of the debate

1. At its 11th meeting, on 29 November 2007, the Commission considered agenda item 10, entitled "Other business". Statements were made by the observer for Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and by the representatives of Japan, Italy, Nigeria and Pakistan.

##### B. Deliberations

###### 1. Duration of the seventeenth session and other arrangements

2. The Chairman recalled that, at its last intersessional meeting, held on 25 September 2007, the Commission had agreed that the seventeenth session of the Commission would have a duration of five days, from Monday, 14 April to Friday, 18 April 2008, with informal consultations to precede the session, on Friday, 11 April 2008.

3. The Chairman informed the Commission that the extended bureau, at its meeting held on 26 November 2007, had agreed to recommend to the Commission, for its approval, that the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions should be Monday, 14 April 2008, at noon.

4. The Commission considered the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions and called on Member States planning to submit draft resolutions



for consideration at the seventeenth session to submit them to the Secretariat one month before the beginning of the session, in accordance with Commission resolution 5/3.

## **2. Thematic discussion**

5. The Chairman recalled that the Commission, at its sixteenth session, had agreed that the topic for the thematic discussion at the seventeenth session would be: “Aspects of violence against women that pertain directly to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”. He also recalled that the format and sub-themes of the discussion needed to be determined by the Commission during its intersessional period. In its decision 2007/251, the Economic and Social Council had requested the Commission to elaborate on the topic during its intersessional period.

6. The Chairman reported that the informal open-ended working group on the preparations for the thematic discussion had reached agreement on the sub-theme and aspects of the topic for the thematic discussion and that the finalized proposal on the sub-theme and the aspects of the topic had been circulated to delegations for comments. The extended bureau of the Commission, at its meeting held on 26 November, had noted that by the agreed deadline no delegation had communicated reservations or made additional comments following the circulation of the finalized proposal. The extended bureau had agreed to recommend to the Commission the approval of the finalized proposal at its reconvened session. On behalf of the Commission, the Chairman thanked the Chairman of the working group on the preparations for the thematic discussion for his work.

7. The Chairman reminded the Commission that it had been mandated to discuss, at its intersessional meetings, the topics to be selected for the thematic discussion at the eighteenth session, to be held in 2009, in order for the Commission to make a decision in that regard at its seventeenth session, in 2008. On the recommendation of the Commission at its sixteenth session, the Economic and Social Council had adopted two resolutions containing potential thematic topics for discussion by the Commission at future sessions: “Economic fraud and identity-related crime”, contained in Council resolution 2007/20; and “Penal reform and the reduction of prison overcrowding, including the provision of legal aid in criminal justice systems”, contained in Council resolution 2007/24.

8. The Chairman noted that, in addition to the topics already proposed for the thematic discussion to be held by the Commission at its eighteenth session, other topics could emerge and be considered during the intersessional period and that the matter would need to be taken up by the incoming bureau of the seventeenth session of the Commission.

## **3. Preparations for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**

9. The Chairman informed the Commission that the issue of the preparations for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice would have to be dealt with at the seventeenth session of the Commission, in particular with regard to the finalization of the programme for the Congress,

including the final recommendations on the overall theme, agenda items and workshop topics.

10. The Chairman reported that the informal open-ended working group on preparations for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, chaired by the Rapporteur of the Commission, had met three times and had made good progress. The working group had agreed that the overarching theme of the Twelfth Congress would be “Comprehensive strategies for global challenges: crime prevention and criminal justice systems and their development in a changing world”. Some of the agenda items had also been agreed upon, and the working group would probably need to meet at least once more to finalize its work. The Chairman thanked the Rapporteur of the Commission for his continued chairmanship of the working group.

11. The Chairman informed the Commission that the Third Committee had finalized the pending issue of the venue for the Twelfth Crime Congress and that it would be hosted by the Government of Brazil. The Commission thanked the Government of Brazil for its offer to host the Twelfth Crime Congress.

#### **4. Other matters**

12. The Chairman informed the Commission that a number of delegations had expressed their intention to have the decision on the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, which had been approved by the intersessional meeting of the Commission held on 1 August 2007, formally adopted as a decision of the Commission at its reconvened session. The observer for Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) submitted the text of a draft decision for endorsement by the Commission.

### **C. Action taken**

13. At its 11th meeting, on 29 November 2007, the Commission decided that the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions would be set at noon of the first day of the session. The seventeenth session is to be held from 14 to 18 April 2008, with informal consultations to be held on Friday, 11 April 2008, prior to the opening of the session.

14. The Commission also decided to endorse the sub-theme and aspects of the topic for the thematic discussion to be held at its seventeenth session.

15. The Commission also decided to adopt its decision 16/2, entitled “Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking” (see annex [...]), and to include it in its report on the sixteenth session.

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