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## **Annotations**

### **1. Election of officers**

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 the bureau to play an active role in the preparations of 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 the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the officers of the Commission hold office until their successors are elected and they are eligible for re-election.

In accordance with section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened fifty-fourth session, on 13 December 2011, opened its fifty-fifth session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Western European and other States	Carmen Buján Ferire (Spain)
<i>First Vice-Chairperson</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States	Antonio García Revilla (Peru)
<i>Second Vice-Chairperson</i>	African States	Raphael Nakare Dinyando (Namibia)
<i>Third Vice-Chairperson</i>	Asia-Pacific States	Khamkheuang Bounteum (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
<i>Rapporteur</i>	Eastern European States	Simona Marin (Romania)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39 and established practice, a group composed of the chairpersons of the five regional groups, the Chairperson 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 Chairperson of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the officers, constitutes the extended Bureau foreseen in Council resolution 1991/39.

## **2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the normative functions of the Commission should be made distinct from its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and that, to that end, the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments as follows:

(a) A normative segment, during which the Commission would discharge its treaty-based and normative functions, including mandates received from the General Assembly and the Council, and deal with emerging drug control issues;

(b) An operational segment, during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the Office and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Office.

The provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission (E/CN.7/2012/1) has been structured to comply with Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30.

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In its decision 2011/261, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fourth session and approved the provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission.

At its reconvened fifty-fourth session, held on 12 and 13 December 2011, the Commission noted the recommendation of the extended Bureau and of the intersessional meeting held on 8 November 2011 that the Commission's fifty-fifth session should be held from 12 to 16 March 2012 and that informal consultations on, inter alia, draft resolutions to be considered at its fifty-fifth session, as well as the draft provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission, should be held on Friday, 9 March 2012, prior to the commencement of the session of the Commission. In accordance with established practice, the Commission, at its reconvened fifty-fourth session, took note of the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions, which was set for Monday, 12 March 2012, at noon. At that session, the Commission also recommended that States members of the Commission intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-fifth session should submit them to the Secretariat one month prior to the commencement of the session, i.e. by 12 February 2012, with a view to facilitating consultation among delegations and coordination of the extended Bureau.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission may wish to establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work for the fifty-fifth session. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

#### **Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.7/2012/1)

#### **Operational segment**

- 3. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions**
  - (a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives**
  - (b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
    - (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
    - (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions**

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments, including an operational segment during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Office.

For its consideration of item 3, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2012/3-E/CN.15/2012/3).

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2011/34, entitled “Support for the development and implementation of an integrated approach to programme development at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, requested the Office to continue to give high priority to and to support the implementation of the integrated regional and thematic programme approach, including by informing the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the Office of progress made. Pursuant to resolution 2011/34, the Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2012/3-E/CN.15/2012/3), which contains an overview of the Office’s activities during 2011 with respect to regional cooperation initiatives; drug control; combating transnational organized crime; corruption and terrorism; criminal justice; research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support; and the strengthening of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/258, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, reaffirmed the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal policymaking organ of the United Nations on matters of international drug control and as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. The Council also reaffirmed Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, and decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime until the part of the sessions of the Commissions to be held in the first half of 2013, at which time the Commission would carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission resolution 52/13.

At its reconvened fifty-fourth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs took note of the election of Taous Feroukhi (Algeria) and renewed the mandate of Ignacio Baylina Ruiz (Spain) as Co-Chairpersons of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. At its fifty-fifth session, the Commission will have before it a 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.7/2012/12-E/CN.15/2012/12).

Pursuant to its resolution 54/10, the Commission will have before it at its fifty-fifth session a note by the Secretariat on the implementation of resolutions and decisions relating to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime adopted during the period 2008-2011 in which action by the Office was requested (E/CN.7/2012/15).

At its reconvened fifty-fourth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs adopted resolution 54/16, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”, in which it approved the

projected use of general-purpose funds in the biennium 2012-2013 and endorsed the programme support cost funds and special-purpose fund estimates for the bienniums 2010-2011 and 2012-2013 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme. At that session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/16-E/CN.15/2011/22). Also at that session, the Commission considered and took into account the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/17-E/CN.15/2011/23).

As was the case for the consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011, the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement presented in the proposed budget for the biennium 2012-2013 had been harmonized with the subprogrammes of programme 13 of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6/Rev.1) and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 (A/66/6 (Sect. 16)), taking into account the expected accomplishments identified in the draft updated strategy for the period 2012-2015 for the Office.

The Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretary-General on the preparation of the strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (to be issued as A/67/6 (Prog. 13)), comprising the biennial programme plan and an outline of the plan. The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for international drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice and provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-second session. The Committee's recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session when it considers the Secretary-General's proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2014-2015. The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (E/CN.7/2012/6-E/CN.15/2012/6).

### **Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2012/3-E/CN.15/2012/3)

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (E/CN.7/2012/6-E/CN.15/2012/6)

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.7/2012/12-E/CN.15/2012/12)

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of resolutions and decisions relating to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime adopted during the period 2008-2011 in which action by the Office was requested (E/CN.7/2012/15)

Report on the reconvened fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/2011/28/Add.1-E/CN.7/2011/15/Add.1)

## **Normative segment**

### **4. Implementation of the international drug control treaties**

Under item 4, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

#### **(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances**

No recommendation has been received pursuant to article 12, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.

Pursuant to article 12, paragraphs 4 and 13, of the 1988 Convention, the International Narcotics Control Board shall communicate to the Commission any assessment of a substance frequently used in the illicit manufacture of a narcotic drug or psychotropic substance, including the likely effect of adding the substance to either Table I or Table II of the Convention, together with its recommendation on monitoring measures, if any, that would be appropriate in the light of that assessment, and the Commission shall periodically review the adequacy and propriety of Table I and Table II of the Convention. In its decision 53/1, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided, on the recommendation of the International Narcotics Control Board, to transfer phenylacetic acid from Table II to Table I of the 1988 Convention. No matters are brought to the attention of the Commission at its fifty-fifth session pursuant to article 12, paragraphs 4 or 13, of the 1988 Convention.

The World Health Organization has not submitted any notification concerning recommendations to place narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances under international control pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol or the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

#### **(b) International Narcotics Control Board**

The annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board is submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the international drug control treaties. The Commission may make such comments on the report as it sees fit. In addition, article 8 of the 1961 Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, article 17 of the 1971 Convention and article 21 of the 1988 Convention authorize the Commission to call the attention of the Board to any matters that may be relevant to the functions of the Board. The report of the Board for 2011 (E/INCB/2011/1) will be before the Commission.

Article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention requires the Board to report annually to the Commission on the implementation of that article. It is suggested that the report of the Board for 2011 on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2011/4) should be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2011 (E/INCB/2011/1), in line with the recent practice of the Commission.

**(c) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion**

In its resolution 54/6, entitled “Promoting adequate availability of internationally controlled narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion and abuse”, the Commission requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the International Narcotics Control Board and the World Health Organization and invited Member States to undertake various efforts for the promotion of adequate availability of internationally controlled narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion and abuse. The Commission also requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the resolution. The Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on promoting adequate availability of internationally controlled narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion and abuse (E/CN.7/2012/9).

In its resolution 53/7, entitled “International cooperation in countering the covert administration of psychoactive substances related to sexual assault and other criminal acts”, the Commission urged the relevant international organizations, including the International Narcotics Control Board, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Health Organization, to gather information and further analyse the phenomenon of drug-facilitated sexual assault or other criminal acts, with a view to developing common definitions and standards, and urged Member States to take relevant steps to strengthen international cooperation in countering the covert administration of psychoactive substances related to sexual assault and other criminal acts. Furthermore, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to report to it, at its fifty-fifth session, on the implementation of the resolution. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in countering the covert administration of psychoactive substances related to sexual assault and other criminal acts (E/CN.7/2012/13).

**(d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties**

The Commission will have before it, for information, the latest issue of the publication entitled *Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties* (ST/NAR.3/2011/1), which provides information to facilitate cooperation between competent national authorities that are empowered to issue certificates and authorizations for the import and export of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that regulate or enforce national controls over precursors and essential chemicals in accordance with the international drug control treaties. In order to facilitate electronic access to the information contained in that publication, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has created an online directory, available through its website ([www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/index.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/index.html)). Access to the directory is limited to the competent national authorities and requires registration and the issuance of a password.



## **Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on promoting adequate availability of internationally controlled narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion and abuse (E/CN.7/2012/9)

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in countering the covert administration of psychoactive substances related to sexual assault and other criminal acts (E/CN.7/2012/13)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2011 (E/INCB/2011/1)

Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2011 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/2011/4)

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties (ST/NAR.3/2011/1)

## **5. Round-table discussions**

- (a) Counter-narcotics efforts and the principle of common and shared responsibility: opportunities and challenges**
- (b) Measures to prevent diversion of substances frequently used in the manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances from domestic distribution channels, including by strengthening partnerships with the private sector**

At its fifty-third session, the Commission decided to hold a thematic debate at its fifty-fourth session, leaving the theme and subthemes of the thematic debate to be identified at intersessional meetings of the Commission. In the intersessional period, the extended Bureau of the Commission agreed to recommend the institution and substantive organization of three thematic round-table discussions at the fifty-fourth session and two round-table discussions at the fifty-fifth session, to replace the thematic debate. At the intersessional meeting held on 8 November 2011, the Commission confirmed the arrangements agreed for the round tables in 2011 and 2012 as reflected in the note by the Secretariat on the organization of the round-table discussions at the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission (E/CN.7/2011/8).

## **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the round-table discussions at the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions (E/CN.7/2011/8)

## **6. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem**

Pursuant to its resolution 63/197, on 5 November 2009 the General Assembly considered the results of the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission. In its resolution 64/182, the General Assembly, welcoming the outcome of the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission,

adopted the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect.II A) as adopted at the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission, and called upon States to take the measures necessary to fully implement the actions set out therein, with a view to attaining in a timely manner their goals and targets.

In its resolution 65/233, the General Assembly called upon States to take, as appropriate, in a timely manner, the measures necessary to implement the actions and attain the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

In the Political Declaration, Member States committed themselves to effectively implementing the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action through resolute international cooperation, in collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations, with the full assistance of the international financial institutions and other relevant agencies and in cooperation with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, as well as the private and public sectors, and to reporting biennially to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the efforts to fully implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, and also considered it necessary for the Commission to include on its agenda a separate item on follow-up to the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action.

At its reconvened fifty-third session and in its resolution 53/16, entitled “Streamlining of the annual report questionnaire”, the Commission decided to adopt the annual report questionnaire as submitted by the expert group on data collection, which met in Vienna from 12 to 15 January 2010 to review the current data collection tools and collection, collation, analysis and reporting processes (pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/12). Also in its resolution 53/16, the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to prepare and submit to the Commission, on a biennial basis, on the basis of the responses provided by Member States to the questionnaire, a single report on action taken to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, the first of which should be examined by the Commission at its fifty-fifth session. The Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (E/CN.7/2012/14).

In its resolution 54/9, entitled “Improving quality and building monitoring capacity for the collection, reporting and analysis of data on the world drug problem and policy responses to it”, the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to examine ways and means of utilizing expertise and know-how on drug-related data collection from scientific institutions and networks at the national, regional and international levels, to inform quality assurance standards, capacity-building activities and a comprehensive understanding of the global drug situation, and to report thereon to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session. In the same resolution, the Commission also requested the Executive Director to implement the measures proposed in his programme proposal entitled “Programme on monitoring and information on drug supply statistics and epidemiology” and to include, in the annual reports of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse and on the world situation with regard to drug

trafficking submitted to the Commission, an overview of measures and activities undertaken by the Office to enhance the scientific quality of its reporting mechanisms and the support given to Member States in developing their capacity for data collection and analysis. The Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on improving quality and building monitoring capacity for the collection, reporting and analysis of data on the world drug problem and policy responses to it (E/CN.7/2012/11).

In addition, Member States decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, should conduct a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action. The General Assembly, in its resolution 64/182, recommended that the Economic and Social Council should devote one of its high-level segments to a theme related to the world drug problem and that the Assembly should hold a special session to address the world drug problem. At its fifty-fifth session the Commission should consider the two recommendations and recommend appropriate follow-up through the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

**(a) Demand reduction and related measures**

In its resolution 65/233, the General Assembly reiterated the commitment of Member States to promoting, developing, reviewing or strengthening effective, comprehensive, integrated drug demand reduction programmes, based on scientific evidence and covering a range of measures, including primary prevention, early intervention, treatment, care, rehabilitation, social reintegration and related support services, aimed at promoting health and social well-being among individuals, families and communities and reducing the adverse consequences of drug abuse for individuals and society as a whole, taking into account the particular challenges posed by high-risk drug users, in full compliance with the three international drug control conventions and in accordance with national legislation, and committed Member States to investing increased resources in ensuring access to those interventions on a non-discriminatory basis, including in detention facilities, bearing in mind that those interventions should also consider vulnerabilities that undermined human development, such as poverty and social marginalization.

In its resolution 54/5, entitled “Promoting rehabilitation- and reintegration-oriented strategies in response to drug use disorders and their consequences that are directed at promoting health and social well-being among individuals, families and communities”, the Commission requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to include rehabilitation- and reintegration-oriented modules for drug dependence treatment in its relevant technical assistance and training programmes that were directed at promoting health and social well-being among individuals, families and communities and urged the Office to collect and disseminate information on relevant experiences of evidence-based rehabilitation and reintegration programmes and interventions and to provide Member States with guidance and assistance in developing programmes to implement successful interventions as part of their overall drug demand reduction strategies. In that resolution, the Commission also requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session on the measures taken and on the progress achieved in the implementation of the resolution. The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretariat on

the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2012/2), which also includes information on the implementation of resolution 53/16, in which the Commission requested the Executive Director to continue to submit to it the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs.

In its resolution 54/2, entitled “Promoting international cooperation to prevent drug-affected driving”, the Commission encouraged Member States to provide the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with relevant global data, where appropriate and in full respect of existing data protection legislation, on the prevalence of drug-affected driving, as well as the methodologies used to collect such data, and requested the Office to submit to the Commission, at its fifty-fifth session, a report on the submissions received and to work with other relevant international organizations in the preparation of that report. Implementation of resolution 54/2, in accordance with its operative paragraph 9, was subject to the provision of extrabudgetary resources by Member States; no further action was possible with respect to the implementation of the resolution in the absence of such resources.

The Commission, in its resolution 49/4, entitled “Responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users”, requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to it biennially, starting at its fifty-first session, on the implementation of that resolution. Accordingly, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users (E/CN.7/2012/16).

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, entitled “Promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS”, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime transmitted to the Secretariat of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) the report on the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, which contains relevant resolutions. Also pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS are transmitted to the Commission in document E/CN.7/2012/7.

In its resolution 54/11, the Commission encouraged Member States to provide to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in the context of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, their experiences in working with civil society in United Nations forums and to provide suggestions, consistent with the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and the three international drug control conventions, with a view to improving the participatory role of civil society in addressing the world drug problem, and requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to make that information, including suggestions, available to Member States, upon their request. The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on improving the participatory role of civil society in addressing the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2012/CRP.1).

**(b) Supply reduction and related measures**

In its resolution 53/8, entitled “Strengthening international cooperation in countering the world drug problem focusing on illicit drug trafficking and related

offences”, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of that resolution. The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2012/4), which also includes information on the implementation of resolution 53/16, in which the Commission requested the Executive Director to continue to submit to it the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs.

In its resolution 53/6, entitled “Follow-up to the promotion of best practices and lessons learned for the sustainability and integrality of alternative development programmes and the proposal to organize an international workshop and conference on alternative development”, the Commission recognized the role played by developing countries in sharing best practices and in promoting and strengthening cooperation on sustainable alternative development, including cross-continental and interregional cooperation. The Commission also welcomed the proposal of the Governments of Peru and Thailand to jointly host an international workshop on the matter. In its resolution 54/4, entitled “Follow-up on the proposal to organize an international workshop and conference on alternative development”, the Commission noted with appreciation that Peru and Thailand remained committed to jointly organizing an international workshop and an international conference on alternative development, and welcomed the reiteration of the proposal by those two countries to jointly host the above-mentioned events, also taking into account that close collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime was needed to share information and best practices and increase efforts in promoting that sustainable alternative to the illicit cultivation of drug crops. An international workshop on alternative development was held in Chiang Rai and Chiang Mai, Thailand, from 6 to 11 November 2011. The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the follow-up to the promotion of best practices and lessons learned for the sustainability and integrality of alternative development programmes and to the proposal to organize an international workshop and conference on alternative development (E/CN.7/2012/8).

In its resolution 54/7, entitled “Paris Pact initiative”, the Commission welcomed the decision taken by the reconvened meeting of the Paris Pact Policy Consultative Group held in Vienna on 17 March 2011 to convene in Vienna in the second half of 2011, in continuation of the Paris Pact initiative, an international conference at the ministerial level, and requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to facilitate the organization and holding of the international conference and to report thereon to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session. The Third Ministerial Conference in the framework of the Paris Pact Initiative is scheduled to take place in Vienna on 16 February 2012. The Commission will have for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the Paris Pact initiative (E/CN.7/2012/10), pursuant to resolution 54/7.

In its resolution 54/14, entitled “Measures to support African States in their efforts to combat the world drug problem”, the Commission invited Member States in close consultation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, donors and other relevant international organizations to mobilize resources to enhance the effective implementation of regional programmes, as well as national strategies of African

countries, in order to support African States in their efforts to combat the world drug problem, and to assist African States in addressing health problems and raising awareness of the dangers associated with the abuse of all drugs, including cannabis, which, according to the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2010, continued to be the drug most widely trafficked and abused throughout Africa. Also in that resolution, the Commission requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to support the African Union in the implementation of the revised African Union Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2007-2012) and requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission, at its fifty-fifth session, on the implementation of the resolution. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2012/3-E/CN.15/2012/3) which includes information on the implementation of this resolution.

**(c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation**

On the recommendation of the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2009/248, decided that a separate agenda item on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation would be included in the provisional agenda of the Commission as of its fifty-third session, so as to reflect the thematic structure contained in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem. That decision was reflected in the provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, approved by the Council in its decision 2011/261. Under this item, Member States will have an opportunity to provide information about action taken to implement the related parts of the Political Declaration and, in particular, sections E and F of the Plan of Action.

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2012/2)

Report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2012/3-E/CN.15/2012/3)

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2012/4)

Note by the Secretariat on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (E/CN.7/2012/7)

Note by the Secretariat on follow-up to the promotion of best practices and lessons learned for the sustainability and integrality of alternative development programmes and to the proposal to organize an international workshop and conference on alternative development (E/CN.7/2012/8)

Report of the Executive Director on the Paris Pact initiative (E/CN.7/2012/10)

Report of the Executive Director on improving quality and building monitoring capacity for the collection, reporting and analysis of data on the world drug problem and policy responses to it (E/CN.7/2012/11)

Report of the Executive Director on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (E/CN.7/2012/14)

Report of the Executive Director on responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users (E/CN.7/2012/16)

Note by the Secretariat on improving the participatory role of civil society in addressing the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2012/CRP.1)

## **7. World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission**

In its resolution 61/183, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to include in its report on drug trafficking an updated, objective and comprehensive assessment of worldwide trends in illicit traffic and transit in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including methods and routes used, and to recommend ways and means of improving the capacity of States along those routes to address all aspects of the drug problem. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking is contained in document E/CN.7/2012/4.

In its resolutions 64/182, 65/233 and 66/183, the General Assembly encouraged the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation. In that regard, in its resolution 66/183, the Assembly acknowledged the discussions conducted at the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Addis Ababa from 5 to 9 September 2011, and the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago from 3 to 7 October 2011.

Under item 7, the Commission will be informed of recent trends in drug trafficking worldwide, including methods and routes used, and of the results of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies held since the fifty-fourth session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations made at the Ninth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, held in Vienna from 28 June to 1 July 2011; the Twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa; the twenty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean; the Thirty-fifth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Agra, India, from 22 to 25 November 2011; and the forty-sixth session of the Subcommission, held in Vienna from 19 to 22 December 2011, with a view to taking any required follow-up action. A report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission is contained in document E/CN.7/2012/5.

### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2012/4)

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2012/5)

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### **8. Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission**

Under agenda item 8, the Commission should devote time to the consideration of any further enhancements that it may deem appropriate to the provisional agenda for its fifty-sixth and subsequent sessions. It should also consider the experience with the round-table discussions acquired at its fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions with a view to determining the nature and format of the thematic debate at its fifty-sixth and subsequent sessions. The Commission should also determine topics for the future round-table discussions to be held at its fifty-sixth and subsequent sessions, if, upon evaluation, it determines that the modality is to be continued. The Commission should also, as part of the review of its programme of work on the basis of the experience gained thus far, consider its programme of work in relation to the duration of the fifty-sixth and subsequent sessions. In this context, the Commission should continue its review of its methods of work with a view to making any necessary adjustments and enhancements that it may deem appropriate and consider making definite arrangements on the duration of its sessions held in the first half of each year.

### **9. Other business**

No issues that need to be raised under item 9 have come to the attention of the Secretariat, and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

### **10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session**

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its fifty-fifth session on the afternoon of 16 March 2012, the last day of the session.



## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

1. In its resolution 1991/39, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should establish a committee, the membership of which should be open to all States members of the Commission, to perform such functions as requested by the Commission in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work.
2. Since its forty-ninth session, in 2006, with the exception of its fifty-second session, in 2009, the Commission has held informal pre-session consultations to consider draft resolutions submitted in advance of the session with a view to expediting and facilitating the work of the Committee of the Whole. In accordance with this practice, the Commission, at its reconvened fifty-fourth session, held on 12 and 13 December 2011, took note of the recommendation of the extended Bureau and agreed that informal consultations would be held on Friday, 9 March 2012. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, *inter alia*, a preliminary review of draft resolutions, to be considered at the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, made available in advance, as well as the matters highlighted under item 8 of the annotations to the provisional agenda above, including matters related to the evaluation of the round-table format for the thematic debates, methods of work and organization of its programme of work, the duration of its fifty-sixth session and subsequent sessions, and other matters.
3. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before they are submitted to the plenary. The provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions is set at noon, Monday, 12 March 2012. States members of the Commission intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-fifth session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible and at least one month prior to the commencement of the fifty-fifth session. To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions be submitted to the Secretariat, in electronic form, by 12 February 2012.
4. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 12 March, to the morning of Friday, 16 March 2012, to review draft resolutions.
5. The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the Commission. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been concluded, the following one will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

## Informal pre-session consultations, 9 March 2012

### *Date and time*

#### **Friday, 9 March**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Informal consultations
3-6 p.m.	Informal consultations

## Fifty-fifth session, 12-16 March 2012

### *Date and time*

### *Plenary*

### *Committee of the Whole*

#### **Monday, 12 March**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Opening of the Commission <i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters <i>Item 3.</i> Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions	
3-4:30 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Round-table discussions <i>Round-table discussion on item 5 (a):</i> Counter-narcotics efforts and the principle of common and shared responsibility: opportunities and challenges	Consideration of draft resolutions
4:30-6:00 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Round-table discussions <i>Round-table discussion on item 5 (b):</i> Measures to prevent diversion of substances frequently used in the manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances from domestic distribution channels, including by strengthening partnerships with the private sector	

#### **Tuesday, 13 March**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
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<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 4.</i> Implementation of the international drug control treaties</p> <p>(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances</p> <p>(b) International Narcotics Control Board</p> <p>(c) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion</p> <p>(d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties</p>	<p>Consideration of draft resolutions</p> <p>(<i>continued</i>)</p>
<b>Wednesday, 14 March</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 6.</i> Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem</p> <p>(a) Demand reduction and related measures</p>	<p>Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)</p>
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 6.</i> Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>(b) Supply reduction and related measures</p>	<p>Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)</p>
<b>Thursday, 15 March</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 6.</i> Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>(c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation</p>	<p>Consideration of draft resolutions</p> <p>(<i>continued</i>)</p>
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 7.</i> World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission</p>	<p>Consideration of draft resolutions</p> <p>(<i>continued</i>)</p>

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<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
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<b>Friday, 16 March</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 8.</i> Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission <i>Item 9.</i> Other business	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 10.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session	

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