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Organization of the session

A. Informal pre-session consultations

1. At its reconvened twentieth session, on 13 December 2011, the Commission confirmed the agreement reached at the meeting of the extended Bureau and the intersessional meeting of the Commission, held on 16 September and 8 November 2011, respectively, that the twenty-first session of the Commission would be held from 23 to 27 April 2012, with informal pre-session consultations to be held on 20 April 2012, the working day preceding the first day of the session. The Commission also decided that its reconvened twenty-first session would be held on 6 and 7 December 2012.

2. At the informal pre-session consultations held on 20 April 2012 and chaired by the First Vice-Chair, the Commission conducted a preliminary review of draft resolutions that had been submitted before the firm deadline, which had been set at Friday, 23 March 2012, pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/257. The Commission further considered matters related to the organization of, and report on, its twenty-first session, the preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the draft provisional agenda for the twenty-second session of the Commission.

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B. Opening and duration of the session

3. The Commission held its twenty-first session in Vienna from 23 to 27 April 2012. The Commission held 10 plenary meetings and 8 meetings of the Committee of the Whole. The Chair of the Commission opened the session. At the 1st meeting, on 23 April 2012, a message was delivered by the Chef de Cabinet, Office of the President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the President of the Assembly, and statements were made by the President of the Economic and Social Council, by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), by Peru (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), by South Africa (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States), by India (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Asia-Pacific States), by Ecuador (on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and by Denmark (on behalf of the European Union). Statements were also made by the Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Justice of China, the Vice-Minister of Interior of Guatemala, the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea, the Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation on international cooperation in combating terrorism and transnational organized crime, the President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Colombia, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the United States of America, the Head of Sector for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Justice of Croatia and the Permanent Representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the Minister of Interior of Pakistan. A statement was also made by the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

C. Attendance

4. The twenty-first 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, [...] intergovernmental organizations and [...] non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.15/2012/INF.2.

D. Election of officers

5. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened twentieth session, on 13 December 2011, opened its twenty-first session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the twenty-first session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

6. The nomination for the office of third Vice-Chair remained pending. The Group of Latin American and Caribbean States nominated Freddy Padilla de León of Colombia for that office in January 2012. The Commission endorsed that nomination during its consideration of agenda item 1.

7. The officers of the Commission at its twenty-first session were as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
<i>Chair</i>	Asia-Pacific States	Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol (Thailand)
<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	African States	Xolisa Mfundiso Mabhongo (South Africa)
<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	Eastern European States	Vasyl Pokotylo (Ukraine)
<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States	Freddy Padilla de León (Colombia)
<i>Rapporteur</i>	Western European and other States	Martin Krämer (Austria)

8. A group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups (the representatives of India and South Africa and the observers for Ecuador, Finland and Latvia), and the observers for Denmark (on behalf of the European Union) and Peru (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and was established to assist the Chair 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 twenty-first session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on 24 April and 26 April 2012 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

E. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 23 April 2012, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda and organization of work (E/CN.15/2012/1), which had been approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2011/257.

F. Documentation

10. The documents before the Commission at its twenty-first session are listed in conference room paper E/CN.15/2012/CRP [...].