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Organization of the session and administrative matters

A. Informal pre-session consultations

1. At its reconvened fifty-fourth session, held in Vienna on 12 and 13 December 2011, the Commission endorsed the recommendation of the extended Bureau that its fifty-fifth session should be preceded by informal consultations to consider draft resolutions made available in advance of the session, as well as the provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session and an evaluation of its experience with the round-table discussions held at the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions, with a view to determining how the Commission wished to proceed at its fifty-sixth and future sessions.

2. At the informal pre-session consultation chaired by the First Vice-Chairperson, Antonio García Revilla (Peru), held on 9 March 2012, the Commission conducted a preliminary review of draft resolutions that had been submitted in advance of the session and dealt with organizational matters of the fifty-fifth session.

B. Opening and duration of the session

3. The Commission held its fifty-fifth session in Vienna from 12 to 16 March 2012. The Commission held a total of nine plenary meetings and eight meetings of the Committee of the Whole; one meeting was devoted to the round-table discussions. The Chairperson of the Commission opened the session. At the 1st meeting, on 12 March 2012, opening statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the representatives of Peru (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of African States), India (on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific



States), the observer for Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and the representative of Denmark (on behalf of States members of the European Union). Statements were also made by Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; Victor Hugo Barnica, Vice-President of Honduras; the Minister of Counter-Narcotics of Afghanistan; the Minister of Justice of Brazil; the Minister of the Interior and Secretary-General of Drug Control Headquarters of the Islamic Republic of Iran; the Minister to the Prime Minister's Office and Chairman of the Lao National Commission for Drug Control and Supervision of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; the Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation; the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy of the United States of America; and the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Health of Spain.

4. At the 2nd meeting, on 13 March 2012, opening statements were also made by the Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Narcotics Control of Pakistan; the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; the Executive President of the National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs (DEVIDA) of Peru; the Director-General of the Anti-Drug Authority of Saudi Arabia; the Chairman of the Committee to Combat Drug Trafficking and Control the Licit Trade in Drugs of Kazakhstan; the President of the Interdepartmental Mission for the Fight against Drugs and Drug Addiction of France; the Secretary of State of the Department of Health of Mexico; Ruth Dreifuss, the former President of Switzerland; and the representatives of Germany and India.

C. Attendance

5. 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. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.7/2012/INF/2.

D. Election of officers

6. The officers of the Commission at its fifty-fifth session were as follows:

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

7. A group composed of the chairpersons of the five regional groups (the representatives of South Africa, Hungary and India, and the observers for Ecuador and Finland), the representative of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union) and the representative of Peru (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) was established to assist the Chairperson of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. During the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on 14 and 15 March 2012 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

E. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

8. At its 1st meeting, on 12 March 2012, the Commission adopted by consensus its provisional agenda and organization of work (E/CN.7/2012/1), which had been approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2011/261.
