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Organization of the session and administrative matters

A. Informal pre-session consultations

1. At its reconvened fifty-third session held in Vienna on 2 December 2010, the Commission endorsed the recommendation of the extended Bureau that its fifty-fourth session should be preceded by informal consultations to consider draft resolutions made available in advance of the session, as well as the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session and round-table discussions of the fifty-fourth session.
2. At the informal pre-session consultation chaired by the First Vice-Chairperson, Alberto Groff (Switzerland), and held on 18 March 2011, 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-fourth session.

B. Opening and duration of the session

3. The Commission held its fifty-fourth session in Vienna from 21 to 25 March 2011. The Commission held a total of nine plenary meetings and seven meetings of the Committee of the Whole; two other meetings were devoted to the round-table discussions. The Chairperson of the Commission opened the session, and participants observed a minute of silence for the victims of the recent catastrophic earthquake and tsunami in Japan. At the 1st meeting, on 21 March 2011, opening statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), the



observer for the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Asian Group), the representative of Colombia (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and the observer for Hungary (on behalf of States members of the European Union). Statements were also made by the Minister for Children and the Elderly of Sweden, the Minister of the Interior and Secretary-General of the Drug Control Headquarters of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Director of the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation, the Executive President of the National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs (DEVIDA) of Peru, the Minister of Revenue and Associate Minister of Health of New Zealand, the Minister of Social Affairs of Indonesia, the Drug Commissioner of the Federal Government of Germany, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the Department of State of the United States of America and the First Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Belarus. At the 2nd meeting, on 22 March 2011, opening statements were made by the Special Secretary of the Department of Revenue of the Ministry of Finance of India, the Head Coordinator and Government Delegate for the National Drug Control Plan of Spain, the Secretary-General of the National Secretariat on Drugs of Uruguay, the Chairman of the Narcotic Business Combating and Drug Control Committee of Kazakhstan, the Minister to the Prime Minister's Office and Chairman of the National Commission for Drug Control and Supervision of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Deputy Minister of the Interior for Counter-Narcotics of Afghanistan, the Director General of the General Directorate of Narcotics Control of Saudi Arabia and the President of the Interdepartmental Mission for the Fight against Drugs and Drug Addiction of France.

C. Attendance

4. 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 and 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.7/2011/INF.2.

D. Election of officers

5. 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 encourage it to play an active role in the preparations for 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 UNODC. 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 are eligible for re-election.

6. 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-third session, on 2 December 2010, opened its fifty-fourth session for the sole purpose of electing its Bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chairperson, the three Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur.

7. The officers of the Commission at its fifty-fourth session were as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Officer</i>
<i>Chairperson</i>	Eastern European States	Veronika Kuchynová Smigolová (Czech Republic)
<i>First Vice-Chairperson</i>	Western European and other States	Alberto Groff (Switzerland)
<i>Second Vice-Chairperson</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States	Antonio García Revilla (Peru)
<i>Third Vice-Chairperson</i>	African States	Mahmoud Hassan Elamin (Sudan)
<i>Rapporteur</i>	Asian States	Marwan Al-Dobhany (Yemen)

8. A group composed of the chairpersons of the five regional groups (the representatives of Belgium, Colombia and Kenya and the observers for Slovenia and the Syrian Arab Republic), the observer for Hungary (on behalf of the European Union) and the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) was established to assist the Chairperson 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 1991/39. During the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on 22 and [...] March 2011 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

E. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

9. At its 1st meeting, on 21 March 2011, the Commission adopted by consensus its provisional agenda and organization of work, as orally amended, (E/CN.7/2011/1), which had been finalized at its intersessional meetings pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2010/244.