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Organization of the session

A. Informal pre-session consultations

1. At its reconvened nineteenth session, on 3 December 2010, the Commission confirmed the agreement reached at the meeting of the extended Bureau held on 7 October 2010 that the twentieth session of the Commission would be held from 11 to 15 April 2011, with informal pre-session consultations to be held on the working day preceding the first day of the session. The Commission was also informed that its reconvened twentieth session would be held on 13 December 2011. The informal pre-session consultations devoted attention to a preliminary review of draft resolutions to be considered at the twentieth session of the Commission that were made available in advance.

2. At the informal pre-session consultations held on 8 April 2011 and chaired by the First Vice-Chair, the Commission conducted a preliminary review of draft resolutions submitted in advance of the session, matters related to the organization of and report on the twentieth session of the Commission, the working methods of the Commission, improving the efficiency of the process involved in the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice and the draft provisional agenda for the twenty-first session of the Commission.

B. Opening and duration of the session

3. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held its twentieth session in Vienna from 11 to 15 April 2011. The Commission held 10 plenary meetings and 8 meetings of the Committee of the Whole. The Chair of the



Commission opened the session, and participants observed a minute of silence for the victims of the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami that had struck Japan one month before. At the 1st meeting, on 11 April 2011, opening statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), by the representatives of Kenya (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States) and Chile (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and by the observers for Lebanon (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Asian States) and Hungary (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union). Statements were also made by the Vice-Minister of Justice of China, the Minister of Justice of Kenya and the State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of Croatia.

C. Attendance

4. The twentieth 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.15/2011/INF.2.

D. Election of officers

5. In its resolution 2003/31, entitled “Functioning of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from 2004, the Commission 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 preparation of the regular session, as well as the informal intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme.

6. 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 nineteenth session, on 3 December 2010, opened its twentieth session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chair, the First Vice-Chair, the Second Vice-Chair, the Third Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur.

7. The officers of the Commission at its twentieth session were as follows:

<i>Chair:</i>	John Barrett (Canada)
<i>First Vice-Chair:</i>	Nongnuth Phetcharatana (Thailand)
<i>Second Vice-Chair:</i>	Ukur Kanacho Yatani (Kenya)
<i>Third Vice-Chair:</i>	Vasyl Pokotylo (Ukraine)
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Erasmus Lara Cabrera (Mexico)

8. A group composed of the chairpersons of the five regional groups (the representatives of Belgium, Kenya and Ukraine and the observers for Colombia and the Syrian Arab Republic), the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the observer for Hungary (on behalf of the European Union) 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 twentieth session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on 12 April 2011 and [...] April 2011 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

E. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 11 April 2011, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda and organization of work (E/CN.15/2011/1), which had been approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2010/243.

F. Documentation

10. The documents before the Commission at its twentieth session are listed in conference room paper E/CN.15/2011/CRP [...].
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