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Addendum

Annotations

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/259, entitled “Joint meetings of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, decided that, starting in 2011, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should hold joint meetings during their reconvened sessions for the purpose of considering agenda items included in the operational segment of the agendas of both Commissions, with a view to providing integrated policy directives to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on administrative, budgetary and strategic management issues. The Council also decided that the practice of holding back-to-back reconvened sessions of the Commissions should be continued to enable each Commission to consider, in separate meetings, agenda items included in the normative segment of its agenda.

In accordance with that decision, two meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be held jointly with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the first day of the reconvened sessions in order to consider agenda item 3, entitled “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”. The remaining items on the agenda will be considered thereafter in a separate meeting. This is reflected in the proposed organization of work contained in the annex.

Documentation

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



- 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**

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 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 Office until the part of the session of the Commission to be held in the first half of 2013, at which time the Commission should 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 on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13.

The Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group, covering the period from February to October 2012 (E/CN.7/2012/12/Add.1-E/CN.15/2012/12/Add.1).

Item 3 will be considered at joint meetings with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice pursuant to Council decision 2011/259.

Documentation

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/Add.1-E/CN.15/2012/12/Add.1)

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

Under agenda item 8, the Commission may wish to consider and endorse the proposals made by Member States for specific sub-themes for the round-table discussions on the topic “Progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem”, and for organizing the conduct of the round-table discussions with a view to making them more action-oriented. As reflected in the provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session, adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its

decision 2012/241, the three round tables to be held at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission will be devoted to the three parts of the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action: (a) demand reduction and related measures; (b) supply reduction and related measures; and (c) countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation.

9. Other business

Under agenda item 9, the Commission may, among other things, wish to discuss inputs made by Member States on the key issues that should be considered in the post-2015 development agenda relating to the mandates of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. These inputs are made in response to the invitation from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the functional commissions to contribute to the work of the Council on this matter.

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

Under item 10, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its reconvened fifty-fifth session.

Opening of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and election of officers

Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the officers of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs hold office until their successors are elected and they are eligible for re-election.

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission 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 both the regular and the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance.

Pursuant to section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission is invited to open, at the end of its reconvened fifty-fifth session, on 7 December 2012, its fifty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur for that session.

In view of the established practice of rotating the offices on the basis of regional distribution, the officers to be elected by the Commission for its fifty-sixth session will be from the regional groups as follows:

<i>Chair:</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States
<i>First Vice-Chair:</i>	African States
<i>Second Vice-Chair:</i>	Asia-Pacific States
<i>Third Vice-Chair:</i>	Eastern European States
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Western European and other States

In accordance with established practice and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39, a group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union will assist the Chair in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, will constitute the extended bureau.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

The proposed organization of work shown below is subject to approval by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. As soon as discussion on an item has been concluded, the following item 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. on Thursday, 6 December, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, 7 December 2012.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Thursday, 6 December	10 a.m.-11 a.m.		Opening of the reconvened fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
		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 (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
	3-6 p.m.	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 (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
Friday, 7 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	8	Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission (<i>continued</i>)
		9	Other business (<i>continued</i>)
		10	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session