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Organization of the session and administrative matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs held its forty-third session in Vienna, from 6 to 15 March 2000. The Chairman of the forty-second session of the Commission opened the forty-third session. The Executive Director of UNDCP addressed the opening meeting.

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ... States members of the Commission (... were not represented). Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for inter-governmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex I to the present report.

C. Election of officers

3. In its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided on the following arrangements for the election of the bureau of the Commission in order to implement the provisions of paragraph 3 for enhancing the functioning of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs:

“... with effect from the year 2000, the Commission should, at the end of its session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play a more active role in the preparations of the regular as well as the informal inter-sessional meetings of

the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the Programme.”

In the light of that decision, and in accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the bureau of the forty-second session of the Commission continued to serve as the bureau for its forty-third session.

4. The Commission, immediately following the closure of the forty-third session, will hold the first meeting of its forty-fourth session for the sole purpose of electing the new chairman and other members of the bureau in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure.

5. At its 1181st meeting, on 6 March 2000, an election was held to replace the Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. The Commission elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mohammad S. Amirkhizi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairmen: Pavel Vacek (Czech Republic)
Camilo Vázquez (Spain)
Olga Pellicer (Mexico)

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6. A group composed of the five chairmen of the regional groups, the ambassadors of Austria, China, Ethiopia, Guatemala, and Romania, was established to assist the Chairman in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, constituted the extended bureau foreseen in Council resolution 1991/39 of 21 June 1991. The extended bureau met on 6 and 10 March 2000 to consider matters related to the organization of work during the session.

D. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

7. At its 1181st meeting, on 6 March 2000, the Commission adopted by consensus its provisional agenda (E/CN.7/2000/1), which had been approved by the Commission at its reconvened forty-second session. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
- A. *Structure of the agenda by segments*

Normative segment

Mandates received from the General Assembly

3. Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: general overview and progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session, including guidelines and the consideration of the establishment of indicators for reporting on the progress achieved, and on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action.

Treaty-based and normative functions

4. Reduction of illicit demand for drugs:
 - (a) Action plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction;
 - (b) World situation with regard to drug abuse.
5. Illicit drug traffic and supply:
 - (a) World situation with regard to drug trafficking and reports of subsidiary bodies of the Commission;
 - (b) Follow-up to the twentieth special session:
 - (i) Measures to promote judicial cooperation (extradition, mutual legal assistance, controlled delivery, trafficking by sea and law enforcement cooperation, including training);
 - (ii) Countering money-laundering;
 - (iii) Action plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development.
6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:
 - (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances;
 - (b) International Narcotics Control Board;
 - (c) International cooperation in order to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes;
 - (d) Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly:
 - (i) Measures to prevent the illicit manufacture, import, export, trafficking, distribution and diversion of precursors used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
 - (ii) Action Plan against Illicit Manufacture, Trafficking and Abuse of Amphetamine-type Stimulants and their Precursors;
 - (e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties.

Operational segment

7. Policy directives to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme.
 8. Strengthening the United Nations machinery for drug control.
 9. Administrative and budgetary questions.
- B. Organizational and other matters*
10. Consideration of (a) the timing and theme of any ministerial-level segment to be convened by the Commission and (b) the modalities for inclusion of the item entitled the "General debate" and the themes to be addressed by the Commission at future sessions.
 11. Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission.
 12. Other business.
 13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-third session.

