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Annotations to the provisional agenda and proposed timetable

1. Election of officers

Elections of officers are held in accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1). For such meetings, a chairperson, two vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur are elected.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organizational matters

The provisional agenda is contained in document UNDCP/2000/MAR.1 and the provisional timetable is annexed to the present document.

3. Review of trends in illicit drug trafficking by sea

The meeting is invited to consider the methods and routes used for trafficking in drugs by sea and any changes in routes or methods that have occurred since the meetings of the Working Group on Maritime Cooperation, held in Vienna from 19 to 23 September 1994 and from 20 to 24 February 1995.

4. Review of regional and subregional initiatives

Participants are invited to report on regional and subregional initiatives taken to combat drug trafficking at sea, including, inter alia, regional, subregional and bilateral agreements, training initiatives and other cooperation measures.

5. Possible initiatives to facilitate cooperation between national competent authorities

The meeting is invited to consider ways to enhance cooperation between national competent authorities, including, inter alia, improving communications between such authorities, developing model forms and laws and negotiating regional, subregional and bilateral agreements. In that connection, the note by the Secretariat concerning multilateral cooperation in combating illicit drug trafficking by sea (UNDCP/2000/MAR.2) may be of assistance.

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6. Other matters

The meeting is invited to examine other initiatives that might enhance multilateral cooperation in combating illicit trafficking by sea.

7. Adoption of the report

The working group will adopt its report at its closing meeting.

Annex

Proposed timetable

Date	Time	Item	Title or description
Tuesday, 5 December			
	8 a.m.		Registration
	10 a.m.	1 and 2	Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organizational matters
	3 p.m.	3	Review of trends in illicit drug trafficking by sea
Wednesday, 6 December			
	10 a.m.	4	Review of regional and subregional initiatives
	3 p.m.	4	Continuation and conclusion of the discussion
Thursday, 7 December			
	10 a.m.	5	Possible initiatives to facilitate cooperation between national competent authorities
	3 p.m.	5	Continuation and conclusion of the discussion
Friday, 8 December			
	10 a.m.	6	Other matters
	3 p.m.	7	Adoption of the report

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