

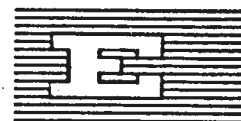
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OF A CONVENTION AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN  
NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES  
Vienna, Austria, 25 November-20 December 1988

## DRAFT PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

### Note by the Secretary-General

The following draft provisional timetable, which is subject to approval by the Conference, has been drawn up by the Secretariat pursuant to a decision taken by the Review Group on the Draft Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (E/CONF.82/3, Chapter I). It is understood that as soon as consideration of an item or sub-item has been finished the following one might be taken up immediately, time permitting.

The sequence proposed for the consideration of articles attempts to strike a balance between articles which seem to require further detailed consideration and articles on which a broad consensus seems to be emerging. Also, articles have sometimes been grouped together because of the interrelationship of their provisions. It is hoped that the sequence proposed will permit early and expeditious transmittal of a number of articles to the Drafting Committee.

The organization of work into four meetings a day is based on full utilization of available resources, particularly interpretation services. Should an additional team of interpreters become available, it would be possible to schedule ad hoc working groups or other meetings with interpretation. This would also permit scheduling a meeting of the Sub-committee on those afternoons when only the Committee of the Whole and the Drafting Committee are currently scheduled to meet.

### Friday, 25 November 1988

10.00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Plenary meeting (Opening of the Conference; election of the President, twenty-five Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole and the Chairman of the Drafting Committee; consideration of organizational and procedural matters relating to the work of the Conference). 1/

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

General Statements. 2/

### Saturday, 26 November 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

General Statements (continued). 3/

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

General Statements (continued).

Monday, 28 November 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) General Committee (consideration of organization of the work of the Conference; proposal of 14 members for the Drafting Committee). 4/

(ii) Committee of the Whole (election of the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur; consideration of organizational matters; establishment of a Sub-Committee). 5/

(iii) Plenary meeting (Report of the General Committee; appointment of the Credentials Committee 6/ and of the remaining 14 members of the Drafting Committee).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 and 3. 7/

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 7, 9, 11, 11 bis, 13 and 14; articles 6 bis, 8, 10 and 12. 7/

Tuesday, 29 November 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 and 3 (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 7, 9, 11, 11 bis, 13 and 14; articles 6 bis, 8, 10, and 12 (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 and 3 (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 7, 9, 11, 11 bis, 13 and 14; articles 6 bis, 8, 10, and 12 (continued).

Wednesday, 30 November 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 and 3 (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 7, 9, 11, 11 bis, 13 and 14; articles 6 bis, 8, 10, and 12 (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 and 3 (continued).

(ii) Drafting Committee.

Thursday, 1 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 and 3 (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 7, 9, 11, 11 bis, 13 and 14; articles 6 bis, 8, 10, and 12 (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 and 3 (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 7, 9, 11, 11 bis, 13 and 14; articles 6 bis, 8, 10, and 12 (continued).

Friday, 2 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 and 3 (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 7, 9, 11, 11 bis, 13 and 14 (completed); articles 6 bis, 8, 10, and 12 (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 and 3 (completed).

(ii) Drafting Committee.

Monday 5 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 bis, 4 and 1 bis.

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 6 bis, 8, 10 and 12 (continued); articles 15, 16, 17, 18 (implementation measures); preamble.

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 bis, 4 and 1 bis (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 6 bis, 8, 10 and 12; articles 15, 16, 17, 18 (implementation measures); preamble (continued).

Tuesday, 6 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 bis, 4 and 1 bis (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 6 bis, 8, 10 and 12; articles 15, 16, 17, 18 (implementation measures); preamble (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 bis, 4 and 1 bis (continued).

(ii) Drafting Committee.

Wednesday 7 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 bis, 4 and 1 bis (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 6 bis, 8, 10 and 12; articles 15, 16, 17, 18 (implementation measures); preamble (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 bis, 4 and 1 bis (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 6 bis, 8, 10 and 12; articles 15, 16, 17, 18 (implementation measures); preamble (continued).

Thursday, 8 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 bis, 4 and 1 bis (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 6 bis, 8, 10 and 12; articles 15, 16, 17, 18 (implementation measures); preamble (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 bis, 4 and 1 bis (continued).

(ii) Drafting Committee.

Friday 9 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 bis, 4 and 1 bis (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 6 bis, 8, 10 and 12; articles 15, 16, 17, 18 (implementation measures); preamble (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 2 bis, 4 and 1 bis (completed).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 6 bis, 8, 10 and 12 (completed); articles 15, 16, 17, 18 (implementation measures) (completed); preamble (continued).

Monday 12 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 5, 6 and 1.

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 19-28 (final clauses); preamble (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 5, 6 and 1 (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 19-28 (final clauses); preamble (continued).

Tuesday, 13 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 5, 6 and 1 (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 19-28 (final clauses); preamble (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 5, 6 and 1 (continued).

(ii) Drafting Committee.

Wednesday 14 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 5, 6 and 1 (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 19-28 (final clauses); preamble (continued).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 5, 6 and 1 (continued).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 19-28 (final clauses); preamble (continued).

Thursday, 15 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(i) Committee of the Whole: articles 5, 6 and 1 (completed).

(ii) Sub-committee: articles 19-28 (final clauses); preamble (completed).

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Drafting Committee.

Friday, 16 December 1988

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Plenary meeting to consider reports of the Committee of the Whole, the Drafting Committee, the Credentials Committee, and to adopt the Convention and the Final Act of the Conference.

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Plenary meeting to consider reports of the Committee of the Whole, the Drafting Committee, the Credentials Committee, and to adopt the Convention and the Final Act of the Conference.

Monday, 19 December 1988

(no meeting: preparation of authentic texts by the Secretariat).

Tuesday, 20 December 1988

Signature of the final act and of the Convention.

Notes

1/ See agenda items 1-3 in document E/CONF.82/1 and rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, document E/CONF.82/2 and paragraph 35 of document E/CONF.82/4.

2/ Recommendation V(c) of the Review Group (E/CONF.82/3, Chapter I) was to the effect that the Committee of the Whole should be convened on the afternoon of 25 November 1988 to consider such organizational matters as may be required. Since such a meeting of the Committee of the Whole would be held at the same time that general statements were being made in Plenary, the organizational meeting of the Committee of the Whole has been provisionally transferred to Monday morning in the present draft provisional timetable. A recommendation on this question should be made in the report on the pre-conference consultations.

3/ In order to accommodate general statements in Plenary as referred to in E/CONF.82/4, paragraph 34, the suggestion has been made that if the Conference has not completed hearing such general statements by the close of business on Friday, 25 November 1988, it would be preferable for the Conference to continue to meet in Plenary on Saturday, 26 November. This might allow the Conference to begin consideration of final organizational questions on Monday morning and substantive matters on Monday afternoon. On the other hand, the opinion has also been expressed that there should be no Plenary meeting on Saturday, 26 November, and that general statements could continue to be made on Monday, if necessary. A recommendation on this question should be made in the report on the pre-conference consultations.

4/ As per rule 49 of the provisional rules of procedure and paragraphs 21 and 22 of document E/CONF.82/4 concerning organization of the work of the Conference.

5/ The Review Group has recommended that the Committee of the Whole, established pursuant to rule 48 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure (E/CONF.82/2), should establish a Sub-committee (E/CONF.82/4, paragraph 20) which would report to it from time to time, and that the Committee of the Whole should assign to itself consideration of articles 1 to 6 and allocate the remaining articles and the preamble to that Sub-committee (E/CONF.82/4, paragraph 32). If this recommendation is forwarded to the Conference by the pre-conference consultations, it may be useful to specify that, in order not to duplicate substantive debate, the report of the Sub-committee to the Committee of the Whole should be discussed with respect to substantive matters only in those cases where the Committee of the Whole considers it absolutely necessary. As a matter of course, texts received from the Sub-committee should be transmitted by the Committee of the Whole to the Drafting Committee without further discussion. On the other hand, the suggestion has also been made that the Conference may wish instead to establish two parallel Committees of the Whole reporting directly to the Plenary on specific articles. A recommendation on this question should be made in the report on the pre-conference consultations. Should the recommendation be the establishment of two separate Committees of the Whole, recommendations V(d) and VII of the Review Group (E/CONF.82/4, paragraphs 20 and 32 and E/CONF.82/3, Chapter I) should be modified accordingly.

6/ As per rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure.

7/ It is recommended that the Committee of the Whole and the Sub-committee examine the definitions to be incorporated in article 1 when reviewing the substantive articles to which they relate.