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#### Draft report

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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-ninth session in Vienna from 13 to 17 March 2006. The Chairperson of the Commission opened the session. At its opening meeting, the Commission was addressed by the Chairperson of the Commission; the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; the representative of Bolivia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the representative of Austria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as well as the Countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro (and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area), as well as Moldova and the Ukraine, associated themselves with their statement; the representative of Chile, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the representative of Kenya, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States; and the representative of Georgia on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the GUAAM. Statements were also made by the Minister for Relations with the Parliament of Italy, the Minister to the President's Office and Chairman of the National Commission for Drug Control and Supervision of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Minister of Anti-Narcotic Drugs of Afghanistan. Statements were also made by the United States of America, Morocco and Iran (Islamic Republic of).



## B. Attendance

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

## C. Election of officers

3. In section I of its resolution 1999/30 of 28 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council decided that, 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 intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

4. 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 Commission, immediately following the closure of its reconvened forty-eighth session, in December 2005, held the first meeting of its forty-ninth session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the bureau.

5. On 8 December 2005, the Commission elected the following officers for its forty-ninth session:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Elected officer</i>
Chairperson	Group of Eastern European States	Györgyi Martin Zanathy (Hungary)
First Vice-Chairperson	Group of Western European and other States	Hans Lundborg (Sweden)
Second Vice-Chairperson	Group of Latin American and Caribbean States	Milenko Skoknic Tapia (Chile)
Third Vice-Chairperson	Group of African States	Olawale Idris Maiyegun (Nigeria)
Rapporteur	Group of Asian States	Ali Hajigholam Saryazdi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

6. A group composed of the Chairpersons of the five regional groups (the representatives of Azerbaijan, Chile, India, Kenya and the Netherlands), as well as the representative of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the representative of Austria (on behalf of the members of the European Union), was established to assist the Chairperson 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 1991/39 of

21 June 1991. During the forty-ninth session of the Commission, the bureau met on [...] March and the extended bureau met on [...] March 2006 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

#### **D. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

7. At its 1263rd meeting, on 13 March 2006, the Commission adopted by consensus its provisional agenda (E/CN.7/2006/1), which had been finalized at the intersessional meetings of the Commission pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2005/250 of 22 July 2005. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

##### *Normative segment*

3. Thematic debate: alternative development as an important drug control strategy and establishing alternative development as a cross-cutting issue.
4. Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: general overview and progress achieved by Governments in meeting the goals and targets for the year 2008 set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session.
5. Drug demand reduction:
  - (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.
6. Illicit drug traffic and supply:
  - (a) World situation with regard to drug trafficking and action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission;
  - (b) Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly:
    - (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 Crops and on Alternative Development.
7. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:
  - (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances;
  - (b) International Narcotics Control Board;
  - (c) 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;
- (d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties.

*Operational segment*

- 8. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
  - 9. Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body.
  - 10. Administrative and budgetary questions.
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- 11. Provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Commission.
  - 12. Other business.
  - 13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-ninth session.