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## **Annotations**

### **1. Election of officers**

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should, at the end of its session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play an active role in the preparations of the regular as well as the 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.

At the end of its reconvened fiftieth session, on 28 November 2007, the Commission opened its fifty-first session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session, in accordance with section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council. At that meeting, the Commission elected a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the elected officers of the Commission at its fifty-first session would be from the following regional groups:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Elected/designated officer</i>
Chairman	Group of Latin American and Caribbean States	Eugenio María Curia (Argentina)
First Vice-Chairman	Group of African States	Omar Zniber (Morocco)
Second Vice-Chairman	Group of Asian States	Shahbaz (Pakistan)
Third Vice-Chairman	Group of Eastern European States	[to be designated]
Rapporteur	Group of Western European and other States	[to be designated]

In accordance with established practice and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39, a group composed of the five chairmen of the regional groups, the Chairman 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 Chairman of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, will constitute the extended bureau.

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

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the normative functions of the Commission should be made distinct from its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and that, to that end, the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments as follows:

(a) A normative segment, during which the Commission would discharge its treaty-based and normative functions, including mandates received from the General Assembly and the Council, and deal with emerging drug control issues;

(b) An operational segment, during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the Office and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance.

The provisional agenda has been structured to comply with Council resolution 1999/30.

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In its decision 2007/242, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its fiftieth session and approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Commission.

At the intersessional meeting of the Commission held on 25 September 2007, there was a discussion on the preparations for the thematic debate to be held at its fifty-first session. It was agreed that items 4 (a), 5 (b) and 6 (c) of the provisional agenda, dealing with aspects of the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, would be subsumed under item 3 of the provisional agenda, particularly in view of the fact that the Commission had in principle agreed that the thematic debate would be conducted over two days.

At its reconvened fiftieth session, held on 27 and 28 November 2007, the Commission decided on the duration of and dates for its fifty-first session. The Commission also decided that the thematic debate at its fifty-first session would have a duration of two days and that informal consultations would be held prior to the session, on 7 March 2008. It was recommended that the provisional deadline for the submission of draft resolutions should be noon on the first day of the fifty-first session, 10 March 2008. The Commission called on States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at its fifty-first session to submit them to the Secretariat at least one month prior to the commencement of the session.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission may wish to establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work at its fifty-first session. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

### **Documentation**

Provisional agenda, annotations and proposed organization of work (E/CN.7/2008/1)

### *Normative segment*

### **3. Thematic debate on the 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 years 2003 and 2008 set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session**

In its resolution 50/12, the Commission decided that the thematic debate at its fifty-first session should be devoted to a discussion by Member States on progress made in meeting the goals and targets set at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly.

At its reconvened fiftieth session, the Commission was reminded that the thematic debate should be interactive, focused, expert-driven and substantive, with participating experts and practitioners forming part of their national delegations and no national statements being made. It was emphasized that the thematic debate at

the fifty-first session would be of a special nature in that it would cover major areas of drug control efforts and that it would lay the groundwork for the high-level segment of the Commission at its fifty-second session, in 2009. It was noted that there was consensus that the thematic debate should be substantive, forward-looking and focused on policy development.

In paragraph 20 of the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex), the Assembly called upon all States to report biennially to the Commission on their efforts to meet the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 agreed upon by the Assembly at its twentieth special session; and requested the Commission to analyse those reports in order to enhance the cooperative effort to combat the world drug problem.

In its resolution 42/11, the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to prepare, on the basis of questionnaires provided by Member States, a biennial report, to be submitted to it in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2008, on the implementation of the objectives and targets agreed upon at the twentieth special session.

Pursuant to that request, the Secretariat forwarded to Member States the questionnaire covering the period 2006-2007 for the preparation of the fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem. The fifth report is based on the responses to that questionnaire received from 108 Governments and, pursuant to Commission resolution 50/12, draws together information gathered through the biennial reports questionnaire for all previous reporting periods and takes into account relevant supplementary information as set out in Commission resolutions 49/1 and 49/2.

In its resolution 62/176, the General Assembly reaffirmed that countering the world drug problem was a common and shared responsibility that must be addressed in a multilateral setting and that required an integrated and balanced approach.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly urged all States to continue to promote and implement, including by allocating adequate resources and developing clear and consistent national policies, the outcome of its twentieth special session and the outcome of the ministerial segment of the forty-sixth session of the Commission, to implement the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction (Assembly resolution 54/132, annex) and to strengthen their national efforts to counter the abuse of illicit drugs; also urged all States to strengthen their efforts to achieve the goals set for 2008 at its twentieth special session; and invited States to sustain and increase international cooperation and technical assistance in the areas covered by the Political Declaration.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly welcomed the decision by the Commission to devote the thematic debate at its fifty-first session to a discussion by Member States on progress made in meeting the goals and targets set at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly; called upon States and other relevant actors to evaluate progress made since 1998 towards meeting those goals and targets; and urged all States to strengthen their efforts to achieve the goals set for 2008 at the twentieth special session.

Under item 3 of the provisional agenda, the Commission will consider the fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem, assessing the extent to which the goals and targets set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session have been achieved.

#### **Documentation**

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem: drug demand reduction (E/CN.7/2008/2/Add.1)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem: alternative development (E/CN.7/2008/2/Add.2)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem: measures to promote judicial cooperation (E/CN.7/2008/2/Add.3)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem: Action Plan against Illicit Manufacture, Trafficking and Abuse of Amphetamine-type Stimulants and their Precursors (E/CN.7/2008/2/Add.4)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem: control of precursors (E/CN.7/2008/2/Add.5)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem: countering money-laundering (E/CN.7/2008/2/Add.6)

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2008/4)

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2008/5)

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2008/6)

Report of the Executive Director on the collection and use of complementary drug-related data and expertise to support the global assessment by Member States of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (E/CN.7/2008/8)

#### **4. Drug demand reduction**

##### **(a) Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction**

Under item 4 (a) of its provisional agenda, the Commission is expected to review the world situation with regard to follow-up to the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction.

In its resolutions 61/183 and 62/176, the General Assembly urged all States to implement the Action Plan and to strengthen their national efforts to counter the abuse of illicit drugs in their populations. Member States are invited to inform the Commission of action taken to implement the Action Plan.

At an intersessional meeting of the Commission held on 25 September 2007, it was agreed that item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda would be subsumed under item 3 of the provisional agenda.

**(b) World situation with regard to drug abuse**

Under item 4 (b) of its provisional agenda, the Commission is expected to review the world situation with regard to drug abuse and to analyse drug abuse trends at the global, regional and subregional levels, by substance of abuse, and measures to counter them. The Commission may also review best practices presented by Member States and discuss policy options and actions to address current and emerging trends with regard to drug abuse. The report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse is contained in document E/CN.7/2008/4.

In its resolution 49/4, the Commission requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in conformity with the *UNAIDS Technical Support Division of Labour* document,<sup>1</sup> to provide technical assistance, upon request and subject to the availability of resources, to Member States to develop comprehensive demand reduction strategies and measures, including HIV/AIDS prevention and care in the context of drug abuse, that were consistent with the international drug control treaties. In the same resolution, the Commission invited Member States to develop demand reduction actions based on studies and research demonstrating the efficacy and efficiency of drug-related treatment and prevention; to adopt drug-related health policies that facilitate prevention of drug abuse and access by drug users to different types of prevention, treatment and care; to enhance efforts to promote access to health and social care for drug users and their families; and to provide access to medications, vaccines and other measures consistent with the international drug control treaties that had been effective in reducing the risk of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and other blood-borne diseases among injecting and other drug users, under the supervision of the competent authorities or institutions.

In the same resolution, the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to it biennially, starting at its fifty-first session, on the implementation of the resolution. Under item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda, Member States are invited to inform the Commission of action taken to implement its resolution 49/4 and to consider further policy and actions that may need to be developed by the Commission to support the management of drug users in the context of an appropriate response to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases.

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2008/4)

Report of the Executive Director on responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users (E/CN.7/2008/7)

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<sup>1</sup> Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, Geneva, August 2005.

**5. 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 Drug Crops and on Alternative Development**

In its resolution 61/183, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to take into account the outcome of the twentieth special session of the Assembly, to include in its report on illicit drug trafficking an updated, objective and comprehensive assessment of worldwide trends in the illicit traffic and transit in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including methods and routes used, and to recommend ways and means of improving the capacity of States along those routes to address all aspects of the drug problem. The report of the Secretariat on trends in drug trafficking worldwide is contained in document E/CN.7/2008/5.

In its resolutions 61/183 and 62/176, the General Assembly encouraged the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation.

Under item 5 (a) of its provisional agenda, the Commission will be informed of recent trends in drug trafficking worldwide, including methods and routes used, and of the results of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies (meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East) that have been held since its fiftieth session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations of the forty-second session of the Subcommission, held in Agra, India, from 3 to 7 December 2007; the Seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, held in Vienna from 19 to 22 June 2007; the Seventeenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Nairobi from 17 to 20 September 2007; the Seventeenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Quito from 15 to 19 October 2007; and the Thirty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 13 to 16 November 2007. The report of the Secretariat on the results of the meetings of those subsidiary bodies of the Commission is contained in document E/CN.7/2008/6.

In its resolution 2006/31, the Economic and Social Council requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to conduct, when requested by States reporting the large-scale cultivation of cannabis plants, a study with development partners, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, on the feasibility of



implementing alternative development programmes in those countries; requested the Office to consider the possibility of developing a global, integrated and balanced strategy for alternative development in consultation with Member States, in coordination with ongoing efforts to establish an overarching strategy, pursuant to paragraphs 9 and 10 of Commission resolution 48/14; and requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission at its fifty-first session on the implementation of that resolution. The report on the implementation of the resolution is contained in document E/CN.7/2008/9.

In its resolution 50/1, the Commission welcomed the outcome of the Second Ministerial Conference on Drug Trafficking Routes from Afghanistan, held in Moscow from 26 to 28 June 2006; expressed its satisfaction with the spirit of international solidarity; urged Member States and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and invited interested international organizations to promote the implementation of the Moscow Declaration (A/61/208-S/2006/598, annex); welcomed the readiness of the international community to support the financing of the new phase of the Paris Pact project; and requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report on the measures taken and on progress achieved in the implementation of that resolution. The report of the Executive Director on the implementation of resolution 50/1 is contained in document E/CN.7/2008/10.

At its reconvened fiftieth session, the Commission expressed concern over the growing threat posed by the increase in opium production in Afghanistan and the drug trafficking associated with it, which not only adversely affected the economic reconstruction of the country but also contributed to transnational organized crime, undermining the stability and security of Afghanistan, its neighbouring countries and the region as a whole. In that connection, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime was requested to report to the Commission at its fifty-first session on the reasons for and consequences of the increased production of opium in Afghanistan.

At the intersessional meeting of the Commission held on 25 September 2007, it was agreed that item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda would be subsumed under item 3 of the provisional agenda.

### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2008/5)

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2008/6)

Report of the Executive Director on using alternative development programmes to reduce the cultivation of cannabis plants (E/CN.7/2008/9)

Report of the Executive Director on measures taken and progress achieved in the follow-up to the Second Ministerial Conference on Drug Trafficking Routes from Afghanistan (E/CN.7/2008/10)

**6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties**

Under item 6 of its provisional agenda, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

**(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances**

No recommendation has been received pursuant to article 12, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988. Pursuant to article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention, the Commission should review periodically the adequacy and propriety of Table I and Table II of that Convention.

The World Health Organization has not submitted any notification concerning recommendations to place narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances under international control pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol or the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

**(b) International Narcotics Control Board**

The annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board is submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the international drug control treaties. The Commission may make such comments on the report as it sees fit. In addition, article 8 of the 1961 Convention, article 8 of that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, article 17 of the 1971 Convention and article 21 of the 1988 Convention authorize the Commission to call the attention of the Board to any matters that may be relevant to the functions of the Board. The report of the Board for 2007 (E/INCB/2007/1) will be before the Commission.

Article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention requires the Board to report annually to the Commission on the implementation of that article. It is suggested that the 2007 report of the Board on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2007/4) should be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2007 (E/INCB/2007/1), in line with the recent practice of the Commission.

**(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**

Governments are invited to inform the Commission of action taken at the national level to put into effect the measures with regard to control of precursors recommended by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (Assembly resolution S-20/4 B), as well as international initiatives taken with regard to the Action Plan against Illicit Manufacture, Trafficking and Abuse of Amphetamine-type Stimulants and Their Precursors (Assembly resolution S-20/4 A).

At the intersessional meeting of the Commission held on 25 September 2007, it was agreed that item 6 (c) of the provisional agenda would be subsumed under item 3 of the provisional agenda.

**(d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties**

The Commission, in its resolution 50/11, decided to continue to discuss, at its fifty-first session, the important issue of international cooperation in preventing the illegal distribution of internationally controlled licit substances via the Internet.

The Commission will have before it, for its information, the latest issue of the publication entitled *Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties* (ST/NAR.3/2007/1), which provides information to facilitate cooperation between competent national authorities that are empowered to issue certificates and authorizations for the import and export of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that regulate or enforce national controls over precursors and essential chemicals in accordance with the international drug control treaties.

**Documentation**

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2007 (E/INCB/2007/1)

Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2007 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/2007/4)

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties (ST/NAR.3/2007/1)

*Operational segment*

**7. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments, including an operational segment during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the programme.

For its consideration of item 7, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2008/3-E/CN.15/2008/3).

**Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2008/3-E/CN.15/2008/3)

**8. 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**

In its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council called for strengthening the United Nations machinery for international drug control in five main areas: (a) enhancing the functioning of the Commission; (b) enhancing the functioning of the International Narcotics Control Board; (c) strengthening the financing of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; (d) framework for inter-agency cooperation and coordination; and (e) operations of the drug programme.

In paragraph 115 of its resolution 60/1, on the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the General Assembly resolved to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within its existing mandates, to provide assistance to Member States. In its resolution 61/183, the Assembly reaffirmed its resolve to continue to strengthen the United Nations machinery for international drug control, in particular the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board, in order to enable them to fulfil their mandates.

In its resolution 62/176, the General Assembly urged all Governments to provide the fullest possible financial and political support to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime by widening its donor base and increasing voluntary contributions, in particular general-purpose contributions, to enable it to continue, expand and strengthen its operational and technical cooperation activities, within its mandates; and recommended that a sufficient share of the regular budget of the United Nations be allocated to the Office to enable it to carry out its mandates and to work towards securing assured and predictable funding.

In its resolution 50/14, the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/12 and the relevant General Assembly resolutions on programme planning, to submit to the Commission at its fifty-first session a report on the financial difficulties faced by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime when implementing its mandates and to provide a list of all resolutions that had not been implemented during the previous five years owing to lack of resources. In the same resolution, the Commission also requested the Executive Director to submit annual reports to the Commission on (a) ways and means of improving the financial situation of the Office, including the situation of the field offices; and (b) the programmes and initiatives to be implemented by the Office in the bienniums 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 and how they conformed with the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the Office, as reflected in the proposed strategic framework of the United Nations for the period 2010-2011. In the resolution, the Commission further requested the Executive Director to submit to the Commission at its fifty-first session a detailed account of the exemptions and reductions provided to donors from the 13 per cent programme support cost during the previous three years and the basis for such exemptions and reductions.

**Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on financial issues and difficulties faced by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in implementing its mandates and an

initial assessment of the ways and means of improving the financial situation (E/CN.7/2008/11-E/CN.15/2008/15)

Report of the Executive Director on programmes and initiatives to be implemented by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the bienniums 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 (E/CN.7/2008/12-E/CN.15/2008/16)

## **9. Administrative and budgetary questions**

In its resolution 50/13, the Commission requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to submit to it at its reconvened fiftieth session a proposed consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme. In that resolution, the Commission also requested the Executive Director to prepare the consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009, as well as for the biennium 2010-2011, of the Office based on, *inter alia*, the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the Office, as approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2007/12.

In its resolution 2007/12, the Economic and Social Council requested the Executive Director to prepare the consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime based, *inter alia*, on the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the Office; and also requested the Executive Director to submit to the Commission at its reconvened fiftieth session a report identifying the medium-term strategy activities projected for the period 2008-2009. That information was reflected in the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the Office (E/CN.7/2007/17-E/CN.15/2007/18).

At its reconvened fiftieth session, the Commission adopted resolution 50/14, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”, in which it endorsed the estimates for the programme support cost funds and special-purpose funds for the bienniums 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme.

The strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 (to be issued subsequently as A/63/6 (Prog. 13)), comprising an outline of the plan and the biennial programme plan, will be made available to the Commission. The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for the Office and provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-eighth session. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session when it considers the Secretary-General’s proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011.

**Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on financial issues and difficulties faced by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in implementing its mandates and an initial assessment of the ways and means of improving the financial situation (E/CN.7/2008/11-E/CN.15/2008/15)

Report of the Executive Director on programmes and initiatives to be implemented by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the bienniums 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 (E/CN.7/2008/12-E/CN.15/2008/16)

**10. Preparations for the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission****(a) Thematic focus, format and arrangements****(b) Envisaged outcome**

At its fifty-first session, the Commission will consider the arrangements necessary for conducting the 10-year review of progress achieved by Governments in meeting the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session. In its resolution 42/11, the Commission established a timetable for reporting on the follow-up to the special session whereby the fifth report was to be examined by the Commission in 2008. In its resolution 50/12, the Commission decided to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2009 the results of the global assessment of the progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets set in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, and recommended that the Council forward those results to the Assembly. In that resolution, the Commission also decided to convene a high-level segment, open to all States Members of the United Nations, during its fifty-second session, in 2009, instead of a ministerial-level segment in 2008, in order to allow additional time for conducting an objective, scientific, balanced and transparent global assessment of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session.

At its fifty-first session, the Commission should decide on the thematic focus, format and arrangements for the high-level segment to be held during its fifty-second session, in 2009. The Commission should also decide on the necessary preparations for the high-level segment, including the envisaged outcome of that segment.

**11. Provisional agenda for the fifty-second session of the Commission**

At its reconvened fiftieth session, the Commission decided that its fifty-first session would have a duration of five days, from Monday, 10 March, to Friday, 14 March 2008, and that the session would be preceded by informal consultations on Friday, 7 March 2008. Under item 11, the Commission is to review its agenda and programme of work, taking into account, in particular in relation to its fifty-second and subsequent sessions, that at its fifty-first session it would have conducted the 10-year review of the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly, and the arrangements for its high-level segment to be held in 2009.

In connection with the duration of the session and the submission of draft resolutions, the Commission is expected to review the experience gained thus far and is invited to consider its programme of work with regard to the duration of subsequent sessions and to consider the appropriateness of recent practice in relation to the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions. The Commission is also expected to devote attention to the selection of the themes for the thematic debate at its subsequent sessions and to consider making more definite arrangements on the duration of its future sessions.

**12. Other business**

No issues that need to be raised under item 12 have come to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

**13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-first session**

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its fifty-first session on Friday, 14 March 2008, the last day of the session.

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

1. At its reconvened fiftieth session, held on 27 and 28 November 2007, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided to hold informal pre-session consultations on Friday, 7 March 2008, to conduct a preliminary review of draft resolutions in order to facilitate its work at its fifty-first session.
2. In its resolution 1991/39, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should establish a committee, the membership of which should be open to all States members of the Commission and, in accordance with established practice, to all States Members of the United Nations as observers, to perform such functions as requested by the Commission in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work.
3. At the fifty-first session of the Commission, the Committee of the Whole is invited to consider technical aspects arising from reports presented to the Commission for its consideration under items 3-5 and 7-10 prior to their consideration in the plenary.
4. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before submitting them to the plenary.
5. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 10 March, to the morning of Friday, 14 March 2008, to consider the items referred to in paragraph 3 above and to review draft resolutions.
6. The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the Commission. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been concluded, the following one 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.

### Informal pre-session consultations, 7 March 2008

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*Date and time*

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**Friday, 7 March**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Informal pre-session consultations

3-6 p.m.

Informal pre-session consultations

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### Fifty-first session, 10-14 March 2008

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*Date and time*

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*Plenary**Committee of the Whole*

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**Monday, 10 March**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Opening of the Commission  
*Item 2.* Adoption of the agenda  
and other organizational matters



<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
	<i>Item 6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties</i>	
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 6. Implementation of the international drug control treaties (continued)</i>	<i>Item 4. Drug demand reduction</i> <i>Item 5. Illicit drug traffic and supply</i> <i>Item 7. Policy directives</i> <i>Item 8. Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the role of the Commission as its governing body</i> <i>Item 9. Administrative and budgetary questions</i> <i>Item 10. Preparations for the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission</i>
<b>Tuesday, 11 March</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 3. Thematic debate on the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 3. Thematic debate (continued)</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 12 March</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 3. Thematic debate (continued)</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 3. Thematic debate (continued)</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 13 March</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 4. Drug demand reduction</i> <i>Item 5. Illicit drug traffic and supply</i> <i>Item 7. Policy directives</i> <i>Item 8. Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the role of the Commission as its governing body</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 9. Administrative and budgetary questions</i> <i>Item 10. Preparations for the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
<b>Friday, 14 March</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 11.</i> Provisional agenda for the fifty-second session of the Commission	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
	<i>Item 12.</i> Other business	
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 13.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-first session	

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