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Addendum

Annotations

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/259, entitled “Joint meetings of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, decided that, starting in 2011, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should hold joint meetings during their reconvened sessions for the sole purpose of considering agenda items included in the operational segment of the agendas of both Commissions, with a view to providing integrated policy directives to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on administrative, budgetary and strategic management issues. The Council also decided that the practice of holding back-to-back reconvened sessions of the Commissions should be continued to enable each Commission to consider, in separate meetings, agenda items included in the normative segment of its agenda.

In accordance with that decision, two meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be held jointly with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the first day of the reconvened sessions in order to consider agenda item 3. The remaining items on the agenda will be considered thereafter in a separate meeting. This is reflected in the proposed organization of work contained in the annex.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.7/2011/1/Add.1)



- 3. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions**
- (a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives**
- (b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
 - (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
 - (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions**

At its reconvened fifty-fourth session, the Commission is expected to review and approve the budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, including its administrative and programme support costs budget. The Commission will have before it for consideration at the joint meetings of the two Commissions during the reconvened session the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/16-E/CN.15/2011/22) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/17-E/CN.15/2011/23).

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/258, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, reaffirmed the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal policymaking organ of the United Nations on matters of international drug control and as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and expressed its concern about the governance and financial situation of the Office, as well as its awareness of the urgent need to address those issues in a pragmatic, result-oriented, efficient and cooperative manner. It also reaffirmed Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, and decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime until the part of the session of the Commission to be held in the first half of 2013, at which time the Commission should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission resolution 52/13. At its session in the first half of 2011, the Commission had before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2011/9-E/CN.15/2011/9).

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its resolution 54/10, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: recommendations of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations

Office on Drugs and Crime”, requested the Secretariat and the working group to develop, as follow-up to the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, an updated strategy for the period 2012-2015. Pursuant to that resolution, the Commission should have before it for consideration at its reconvened fifty-fourth session an updated strategy for the Office covering the period 2012-2015, prepared by the Secretariat and the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.¹

Also in its resolution 54/10, the Commission welcomed the progress made in developing and implementing, within the mandate of the Office and in continual consultation with Member States, an integrated programme approach, comprising thematic and regional programmes for the delivery of the normative and technical assistance mandates of the Office, and requested the Executive Director of the Office to continue presenting such thematic and regional programmes to the working group, to continue giving high priority and support to the implementation of the integrated programme approach through the promotion of the regional and thematic programmes, and to report on progress made in such implementation to the Commission at its reconvened fifty-fourth session. Information on progress made in the implementation of the integrated programme approach will be included in the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/16-E/CN.15/2011/22), which will also contain information on efforts made to promote a culture of evaluation throughout the Office, to mainstream the use of relevant monitoring and evaluation tools in programme planning and implementation and to provide adequate training, as appropriate and within available resources, to staff at the headquarters of the Office and its field offices.

In the same resolution, the Commission took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Review of management and administration in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime” (JIU/REP/2010/10), and requested the working group, within its mandate, to thoroughly consider the observations and recommendations made in that report, with a view to presenting recommendations for appropriate follow-up to the Commission for its consideration at its reconvened fifty-fourth session. The Commission further requested the working group to explore the possibility of creating, if possible by the end of 2011, an internal system to monitor the implementation of recommendations made by relevant oversight bodies, including the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Joint Inspection Unit, the Board of Auditors and the Independent Evaluation Unit, and invited the working group to discuss ways to encourage host countries to make voluntary contributions to help cover regular operating costs of country and programme offices, with a view to improving the financial sustainability of the field office network of the Office, and to report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its reconvened fifty-fourth session on that matter. The Commission will have before it for consideration a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2011/9/Add.1-E/CN.15/2011/9/Add.1).

Pursuant to Commission resolution 54/10, the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office

¹ To be issued.

on Drugs and Crime will include information on the application of the programme support charge. It will also include an update on the implementation of Commission resolution 52/14, in which the Commission sought to ensure that the Independent Evaluation Unit became fully staffed and operational.

Item 3 will be considered at joint meetings with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice pursuant to Council decision 2011/259.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/16-E/CN.15/2011/22)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/17-E/CN.15/2011/23)

Note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/9/Add.1-E/CN.15/2011/9/Add.1)

Updated strategy for the period 2012-2015 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime²

9. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 9 have come to the attention of the Secretariat, and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fourth session

Under item 10, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its reconvened fifty-fourth session.

Opening of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and election of officers

Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the officers of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs hold office until their successors are elected and they are eligible for re-election.

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission should, at the end of each session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play an active role in the preparations for the regular as well as the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance.

² To be issued.

Pursuant to section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission is invited to open, at the end of its reconvened fifty-fourth session, on 13 December 2011, its fifty-fifth session for the sole purpose of electing the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur for that session.

In view of the established practice of rotating the offices on the basis of regional distribution, the officers to be elected by the Commission for its fifty-fifth session will be from the regional groups as follows:

<i>Chair</i>	Western European and other States
<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States
<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	African States
<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	Asian States and Pacific small island developing States
<i>Rapporteur</i>	Eastern European States

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

Annex

Proposed organization of work

The proposed organization of work shown below is subject to approval by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. As soon as discussion on an item has been concluded, the following item 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. on Monday, 12 December and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 December 2011.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 12 December	10 a.m.-11 a.m.		Opening of the reconvened fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
		3	Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	3	Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
Tuesday, 13 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	9	Other business
		10	Adoption of the report of the Commission