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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

Sweden and United States of America: draft decision*

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

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

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2009/251 of 30 July 2009, entitled “Frequency and duration of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, in which it established that, starting in 2010, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice would hold reconvened sessions on an annual basis in the second half of the year, in order to be able, pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13 of 20 March 2009, to consider, inter alia, the reports of and the recommendations proposed by the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on

* Submitted on the recommendation of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13 and Economic and Social Council decision 2009/251.



improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime:

(a) Expresses its awareness of the importance of the role of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in assisting the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in effectively addressing financial and governance issues relevant to the work of both Commissions;

(b) Reaffirms 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;

(c) Expresses its concern about the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and expresses its awareness of the urgent need to address these issues in a pragmatic, result-oriented, efficient and cooperative manner;

(d) Reaffirms Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13 of 20 March 2009, and decides 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 session of the Commission to be held in the first half of 2013, at which time the Commission shall carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate;

(e) Also decides that the working group shall hold at least two formal meetings, one in the first quarter of 2012 and one in the first quarter of 2013, in advance of the respective regular sessions of the Commission, and that the dates of those and possible additional informal meetings shall be determined by the co-chairpersons of the working group in consultation with the Secretariat;

(f) Requests that the relevant documentation be provided to the working group in a timely manner, and approves the provisional agenda of the working group as follows:

1. Consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
2. Governance and financial situation of the Office.
3. Evaluation and oversight.
4. Other matters.