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1. Election of officers

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

In accordance with Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened fifty-sixth session, on 13 December 2013, opened its fifty-seventh session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers of the Commission at its fifty-seventh session and their respective regional groups are as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	African States	Khaled Abdelrahman Shamaa (Egypt)
First Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol (Thailand)
Second Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	Balázs Csuday (Hungary)
Third Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Carmen Buján Freire (Spain)
Rapporteur	Latin American and Caribbean States	Gonzalo Cervera Martinez (Mexico)

In accordance with Council resolution 1991/39 and established practice, 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 assists the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the officers, constitutes the extended Bureau foreseen in Council resolution 1991/39.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In 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 UNODC. Accordingly, the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments:

- (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 to the Office.

The provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission has been structured to comply with Council resolution 1999/30.

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the 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 2013/249, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session and approved the provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission.

As agreed by the Commission at its reconvened fifty-sixth session, the fifty-seventh session will be held from 13 to 21 March 2014, with pre-session consultations to be held on 12 March 2014.

Draft resolutions should be submitted as early as possible to enable productive discussions during the pre-session consultations. In accordance with Commission decision 55/1, the deadline for submission of draft resolutions is four weeks prior to the commencement of the session, i.e. Thursday, 13 February 2014, at noon.

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

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.7/2014/1)

High-level segment

3. Opening of the high-level segment

In its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council recommended that the Commission should convene, whenever appropriate, ministerial-level segments of its sessions to focus on specific themes related to the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly.

Pursuant to its resolutions 45/7, 50/12 and 51/4 the Commission convened a ministerial-level segment at its forty-sixth session, in 2003, and a high-level segment at its fifty-second session, in 2009, in order to review and assess the progress achieved and the difficulties encountered by Member States in meeting the goals and targets set in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (General Assembly resolution S-20/2, annex).

In the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, adopted during the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission and by the Assembly in its resolution 64/182, the States Members of the United Nations decided that the Commission at its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, should conduct a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action.

In its resolution 53/16, the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to prepare and submit to the Commission, on a biennial basis and on the basis of the responses provided by Member States to the annual report questionnaire, a single report on action taken to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, the first of which was to be examined by the Commission at its fifty-fifth session, in 2012.

In its resolution 67/193, the Assembly reiterated its call upon States to take, in a timely manner, the measures necessary to implement the actions and attain the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

In its resolution 56/12, the Commission decided that the high-level review of the progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action should be held during the fifty-seventh session of the Commission, in 2014, for a period of two days, in addition to the five days usually scheduled for the regular sessions of the Commission in the first half of the year.

Also in its resolution 56/12, the Commission decided that the theme of the high-level review would be “Progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem”.

It also decided that the medium-term review, including intersessional meetings, should take into account contributions by Member States, as well as:

(a) The report of the Executive Director of UNODC on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (E/CN.7/2012/14 and Corr.1), considered by the Commission at its fifty-fifth session;

(b) The outcome of the thematic round-table discussions of the Commission at its fifty-third through fifty-sixth sessions;

(c) Relevant studies and reports from UNODC, the International Narcotics Control Board, the subsidiary bodies of the Commission and other relevant United Nations agencies;

(d) Other relevant information related to the world drug problem from relevant international and regional organizations;

(e) Other relevant information related to the world drug problem from civil society and the private sector.

In addition, the Commission called upon the participants in the high-level review to take account of the work of the regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, in particular initiatives that could further cooperation with regard to drug law enforcement.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/197, took note of Commission resolution 56/12, invited Member States and observers to participate actively at the appropriate level in the high-level review and noted that the outcome of the high-level review would be submitted through the Council to the Assembly for its consideration, in view of the special session of the Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.

All documents referred to and information provided by United Nations agencies, international and regional organizations, civil society and the private sector pursuant to Commission resolution 56/12 and the recommendations made by the regional meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, have been made available on the website of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission (www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/session/session-57.html).

The high-level segment will have before it the second biennial report of the Executive Director on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (E/CN.7/2014/7).

The high-level segment will also have before it the contribution of the Executive Director of UNODC to the high-level review of the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (UNODC/ED/2014/1).

4. General debate of the high-level segment: progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

In its resolution 56/12, the Commission decided that the high-level review should consist of a general debate on the theme “Progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem”.

At its reconvened fifty-sixth session, the Commission endorsed, on the recommendation of the extended Bureau, the organizational arrangements for the general debate as set out in document E/CN.7/2014/13.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2014/13)

Report of the Executive Director on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (E/CN.7/2014/7)

Contribution of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to the high-level review of the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, to be conducted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 2014 (UNODC/ED/2014/1)

5. Round-table discussions of the high-level segment

- (a) Demand reduction: reducing drug abuse and dependence through a comprehensive approach**
- (b) Supply reduction: reducing the illicit supply of drugs, control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants, and international cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and on alternative development**
- (c) International cooperation: countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation**

The Commission, in its resolution 56/12, decided that the high-level review would also include round-table discussions on the three pillars of the Plan of Action (demand reduction and related measures; supply reduction and related measures; and countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation).

At its reconvened fifty-sixth session, the Commission endorsed, on the recommendation of the extended Bureau, the organizational arrangements for the round-table discussions as set out in document E/CN.7/2014/13.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2014/13)

6. Outcome of the high-level segment

In its resolution 56/12, the Commission resolved that a brief joint ministerial statement would be issued at the conclusion of the high-level review, identifying, on the basis of the review of the progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, achievements, challenges and priorities for further action, in the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments.

The Commission also resolved that the outcome of the high-level review would be submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration, in view of, inter alia, the special session of the Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.

The high-level segment is expected to adopt the joint ministerial statement and take note of the salient points of the outcome of the round-table discussions.

7. Closure of the high-level segment

The high-level segment will be declared closed following the conclusion by the Commission of its consideration of item 6.

Normative segment

8. Panel discussions

At its reconvened fifty-sixth session, the Commission decided, on the basis of the recommendation made by the extended Bureau with regard to item 8 of the provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session, to hold two panel discussions, with

the participation of experts nominated by the different regional groups. That format follows the approach chosen by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, pursuant to its decision 18/1.

As regards the substantive focus of those panel discussions, the Commission was not able to reach consensus and agreed that the matter would be further discussed during the intersessional period.

9. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

In the Political Declaration, Member States committed themselves to implement the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action effectively through resolute international cooperation, in collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations, with the full assistance of the international financial institutions and other relevant agencies and in cooperation with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, as well as the private and public sectors, and to report biennially to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the efforts to fully implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, and also considered it necessary for the Commission to include on its agenda a separate item on follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action. At its reconvened fifty-sixth session, the Commission decided to add to the item on implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action the following: “Follow up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”.

Pursuant to paragraph 40 of the Political Declaration, Member States recommended that the Economic and Social Council should devote a high-level segment to a theme related to the world drug problem and that the General Assembly should hold a special session to address the world drug problem.

In implementing paragraph 40 of the Political Declaration, the Assembly decided in its resolution 67/193 to convene, early in 2016, a special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, following the high-level review of the progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action. The Assembly further decided that the special session would review the progress in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments, and would conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing resources.

In December 2013, the Assembly, in its resolution 68/197 on international cooperation against the world drug problem, requested the Commission, as the United Nations organ with the prime responsibility for drug control matters, to engage in the preparatory process for the special session, including by presenting proposals from the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Commission through the Economic and Social Council in support of the preparatory process,

including progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, to be considered by the Assembly starting at its sixty-ninth session.

In addition to the second biennial report of the Executive Director on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action (E/CN.7/2014/7), the Commission will have before it a number of documents for its consideration, including the reports of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse and on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2014/3 and E/CN.7/2014/4).

Reference is also made to Commission resolution 54/9 on improving quality and building monitoring capacity for the collection, reporting and analysis of data on the world drug problem and policy responses to it, in which the Commission requested the Executive Director to include, in the annual reports of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse and on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking submitted to the Commission, an overview of measures and activities undertaken by UNODC to enhance the scientific quality of its reporting mechanisms and the support given to Member States in developing their capacity for data collection and analysis.

Demand reduction and related measures

In its resolution 53/16, the Commission requested the Executive Director to continue to submit to the Commission annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs, in accordance with the reporting mandates of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse is contained in document E/CN.7/2014/3.

In its resolution 56/14 on strengthening international cooperation in addressing the non-medical use and abuse, the illicit manufacture and the illicit domestic and international distribution of tramadol, the Commission urged Member States, UNODC, the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Narcotics Control Board and others to share and exchange information on those emerging trends, in particular with regard to patterns of non-medical use and abuse, risks to public health, forensic analysis data and drug regulations. The Commission will have before it information on the progress made with respect to the activities identified in the resolution in the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2014/3).

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14 on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), UNODC transmitted to the secretariat of the Programme Coordinating Board the report on the fifty-sixth session of the Commission, which contains relevant resolutions. Pursuant to the same resolution, relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS are transmitted to the Commission in a note by the Secretariat on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS (E/CN.7/2014/11).

In its resolution 56/6, the Commission requested UNODC to continue to inform Member States on a yearly basis about the measures taken to achieve a 50 per cent reduction in HIV transmission among people who use drugs, in particular people who inject drugs, by 2015. Information on the implementation of that resolution is contained in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2). The Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of resolution 49/4 on responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users (E/CN.7/2014/12).

In its resolution 55/10 on promoting evidence-based drug prevention strategies and policies, the Commission urged UNODC to continue gathering information on national and international experiences and best practices, to make available information on evidence-based prevention activities and instruments and to provide States with guidance and assistance in developing strategies and programmes to incorporate those successful experiences, upon request and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources. Information on the implementation of that resolution is contained in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2).

In its resolution 55/2 on promoting programmes aimed at the treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of drug-dependent persons released from prison settings, the Commission requested UNODC to include rehabilitation- and reintegration-oriented modules for drug-dependent persons being released from prison settings in its relevant technical assistance and training programmes aimed at promoting health and social well-being among individuals, families and communities and to report to the Commission, at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of the resolution. The Secretariat will report orally on progress made in the implementation of that resolution.

Supply reduction and related measures

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2014/4), which also includes information on the implementation of resolution 53/16, in which the Commission requested the Executive Director to continue to submit to it annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs.

The theme of promoting the sharing of expertise in, and knowledge on, forensic drug profiling has been included in the annual report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2014/4) as requested in resolution 56/5. In its resolution 56/3 on strengthening international cooperation in combating illicit opiates originating in Afghanistan through continuous and reinforced support to the Paris Pact initiative, the Commission requested UNODC to provide, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, regular reports to the Commission, on an annual basis, on the progress achieved and measures taken in the implementation of the fourth phase of the Paris Pact initiative. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report on strengthening international cooperation in combating illicit opiates originating in Afghanistan through continuous and reinforced support to the Paris Pact initiative (E/CN.7/2014/14).

Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation

On the recommendation of the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2009/248, decided that a separate agenda item on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation would be included in the provisional agenda of the Commission starting at its fifty-third session, so as to reflect the thematic structure contained in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action. Under the sub-item, Member States will have an opportunity to provide information about action taken to implement the related parts of the Political Declaration and, in particular, sections E and F of the Plan of Action.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2014/3)

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2014/4)

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2)

Note by the Secretariat on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (E/CN.7/2014/11)

Report of the Executive Director on responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users (E/CN.7/2014/12)

Report of the Executive Director on strengthening international cooperation in combatting illicit opiates originating in Afghanistan through continuous and reinforced support to the Paris Pact initiative (E/CN.7/2014/14)

10. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

Under item 10, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

(a) Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations

At its fifty-sixth session, the Commission decided to add to the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session, under item 10, a sub-item entitled “Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations”, in order to assist Member States in applying the existing scheduling procedures contained in the three international drug control conventions.

The note prepared by the Secretariat on the subject provides information on the relevant provisions of the international drug control conventions for possible scheduling of substances, challenges in the review of substances and possible options for the way ahead. The report also contains recommendations for consideration by the Commission (E/CN.7/2014/10).

The note by the Secretariat draws upon the work of the expert consultations on new psychoactive substances, held in Vienna from 3 to 5 September 2013, organized pursuant to Commission resolution 55/1 on promoting international cooperation in responding to the challenges posed by new psychoactive substances, in which the Commission requested UNODC to exchange information on new psychoactive substances, where appropriate, with relevant international organizations and global and regional cooperation frameworks, including the International Narcotics Control Board, WHO, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and the World Customs Organization.

(b) Changes in the scope of control of substances

No recommendation has been received pursuant to article 3 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol.

No recommendation has been received pursuant to article 2 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

Pursuant to article 12, paragraph 13, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, the Commission should review periodically the adequacy and propriety of Table I and Table II of the Convention. Pursuant to article 12, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the International Narcotics Control Board notified the Secretary-General that the Board recommended that *alpha*-phenylacetonitrile (APAAN) should be included in Table I of the 1988 Convention. In a note dated 8 March 2013 the Secretary-General transmitted the recommendation and assessment of the Board and invited Governments, pursuant to article 12, paragraph 3, of the 1988 Convention, to submit their comments regarding the possible inclusion of APAAN in Table I of the Convention.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2014/9).

(c) 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 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 2013 (E/INCB/2013/1) 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 report of the Board for 2013 on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2013/4) should be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2013 (E/INCB/2013/1), in line with the recent practice of the Commission.

(d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion

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

(e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties

The Commission will have before it, for information, the latest issue of the publication entitled *Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties* (ST/NAR.3/2013/1), 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. In order to facilitate electronic access to the information contained in that publication, UNODC has created an online directory, available through its website (www.unodc.org/compath_dct/en/index.html). Access to the directory is limited to the competent national authorities and requires registration and the issuance of a password.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2)

Note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2014/9)

Note by the Secretariat on the challenges and future work in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations (E/CN.7/2014/10)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2013 (E/INCB/2013/1)

Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2013 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/2013/4)

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties (ST/NAR.3/2013/1)

Report on the expert consultations on new psychoactive substances, held in Vienna from 3 to 5 September 2013 (E/CN.7/2014/CRP.1)

Updated information provided by the International Narcotics Control Board on the implementation of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolutions 49/6 on listing of ketamine as a controlled substance and 50/3 on responding to the threat posed by the abuse and diversion of ketamine (E/CN.7/2014/CRP.2)

Note by the Secretariat on other matters arising from the international drug control treaties (E/CN.7/2014/CRP.3)

11. World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission

In its resolution 61/183, the General Assembly requested UNODC to include in its report on drug trafficking an updated, objective and comprehensive assessment of worldwide trends in 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. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking is contained in document E/CN.7/2014/4.

In its resolution 68/197 on international cooperation against the world drug problem, the General Assembly encouraged the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation. 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 held since the fifty-sixth session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations made at the Tenth Meeting of the Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, held in Vienna from 2 to 5 July 2013; the Twenty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Addis Ababa from 16 to 20 September 2013; the Twenty-third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Quito from 30 September to 4 October 2013; the Thirty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 21 to 24 October 2013; and the forty-eighth session of the Subcommission, held in Vienna from 25 to 28 November 2013, with a view to taking any required follow-up action. A report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission is contained in document E/CN.7/2014/5.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2014/4)

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2014/5)

Operational segment

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 - (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

(ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions

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 UNODC and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Office.

For its consideration of item 12, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2), which contains an overview of the activities of UNODC during 2013 with respect to regional cooperation initiatives; drug control; combating transnational organized crime, corruption and terrorism; criminal justice; research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support; and strengthening UNODC.

In its resolution 56/9 on strengthening of the principle of common and shared responsibility as the basis for guiding international action in combating the world drug problem with a comprehensive and balanced approach, the Commission requested UNODC to include information on the progress made with regard to international cooperation and the work carried out by the Office in the implementation of the resolution in the annual report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Office (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2).

The Commission, at its reconvened fifty-sixth session, adopted resolution 56/17 on the budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, in which it approved the projected use of general-purpose funds in the biennium and endorsed the programme support cost funds and special-purpose fund estimates for the biennium. The Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/15-E/CN.15/2013/28) and considered and took into account the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report on the consolidated budget (E/CN.7/2013/16-E/CN.15/2013/29).

As was the case for the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013, the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement presented in the proposed budget for the biennium 2014-2015 have been harmonized with the subprogrammes of programme 13 of the strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 13)) and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/68/6 (Sect. 16)), taking into account the expected accomplishments identified in the draft updated strategy for the period 2014-2015 for the Office.

The Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat containing a draft of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (E/CN.7/2014/CRP.4), which will subsequently be issued as A/69/6 (Prog. 13), comprising the biennial programme plan and an outline of the plan. The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for international drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice 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 fifty-fourth session. The

recommendations of the Committee thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session when it considers the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017. The Commission will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (E/CN.7/2014/15-E/CN.15/2014/15).

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2013/246, 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 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 UNODC. The Council also reaffirmed Commission resolution 56/11, 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”, and decided to renew the mandate of the working group until the part of the sessions of the Commissions to be held in the first half of 2015, at which time the Commission would 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 reconvened fifty-sixth session, the Commission endorsed the election of Reza Najafi (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Ignacio Baylina Ruiz (Spain), as Co-Chairs of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC. Pursuant to its resolutions 53/3 and 56/10, at its fifty-seventh session the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2014/8-E/CN.15/2014/8).

Pursuant to its decision 55/1 on the organization of work for the future sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission will have before it at its fifty-seventh session a report by the Secretariat on documentation prepared for the Commission (E/CN.7/2014/6), bearing in mind the need to maintain budget discipline, to use conference services in a cost-effective manner and to conduct its work more efficiently, including the costs and the number and frequency of issuance of documents, the efforts made by the Secretariat to find internal efficiencies in the manner in which it produces such documents and the savings linked to those efficiencies, as well as recommendations on those issues, including exploring possibilities to further improve and reduce the yearly reporting requirements through a thorough examination of its current mandates, with a view to identifying outdated or duplicative mandates, as requested by the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2014/2-E/CN.15/2014/2)

Report of the Secretariat on documentation prepared for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2014/6)

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (E/CN.7/2014/15-E/CN.15/2014/15)

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.7/2014/8-E/CN.15/2014/8)

Report on the reconvened fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/2013/28/Add.1-E/CN.7/2013/15/Add.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (E/CN.7/2014/CRP.4)

13. Provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission

Under item 13, the Commission should devote time to the consideration of any further enhancements that it may deem appropriate to the provisional agenda for its fifty-eighth and subsequent sessions. The Commission should also continue its review of its methods of work with a view to making any necessary adjustments and enhancements that it may deem appropriate, including with regard to arrangements for the duration of its sessions held in the first half of each year, deadlines for draft resolutions to be considered at its sessions held in the first half of each year and the content and length of its reports, taking into consideration its decision 55/1 on the organization of work for the future sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, adopted by the Commission at its reconvened fifty-fifth session in December 2012.

14. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 14 have come to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

15. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on the first part of its fifty-seventh session on the afternoon of 21 March 2014, the last day of that part of the session.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

1. In its resolution 1991/39, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should establish a committee, the membership of which should be open to all States members of the Commission, to perform such functions as requested by the Commission in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work.
2. In accordance with its practice, the Commission, at its reconvened fifty-sixth session, held on 12 and 13 December 2013, took note of the recommendation of the extended Bureau and agreed that informal consultations would be held on Wednesday, 12 March 2014.
3. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before they are submitted to the plenary. Pursuant to Commission decision 55/1, the formal deadline for the submission of draft resolutions to be considered at the fifty-seventh session is four weeks prior to the commencement of the session, i.e. Thursday, 13 February 2014, at 12 noon. States members of the Commission intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-seventh session of the Commission are requested to submit them to the Secretariat as early as possible and at the latest by the formal deadline.
4. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 17 March, to the morning of Friday, 21 March 2014, to review draft resolutions.
5. 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, 12 March 2014

Date and time

Wednesday, 12 March

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Informal consultations
3-6 p.m.	Informal consultations

Proposed organization of work

Fifty-seventh session, 13-21 March 2014

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>
Thursday, 13 March	
9.30 a.m.	Opening of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs <i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

High-level segment, 13-14 March 2014

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>		<i>Round-table discussions</i>
Thursday, 13 March			
10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> Opening of the high-level segment <i>Item 4.</i> General debate of the high-level segment	10.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.	<i>Item 5 (a).</i> Round-table discussion on demand reduction: reducing drug abuse and dependence through a comprehensive approach
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> General debate of the high-level segment (<i>continued</i>)	3.30 p.m.-6.40 p.m.	<i>Item 5 (b).</i> Round-table discussion on supply reduction: reducing the illicit supply of drugs; control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants; and international cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and on alternative development
Friday, 14 March			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> General debate of the high-level segment (<i>continued</i>)	10.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.	<i>Item 5 (c).</i> Round-table discussion on international cooperation: countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> General debate of the high-level segment (<i>concluded</i>) <i>Item 6.</i> Outcome of the high-level segment <i>Item 7.</i> Closure of the high-level segment		

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<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
Monday, 17 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (<i>concluded</i>)</p> <p>Operational segment</p> <p><i>Item 12.</i> 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions. <p>Normative segment</p>	
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 10.</i> Implementation of the international drug control treaties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances possible for scheduling (b) Changes in the scope of control of substances (c) International Narcotics Control Board (d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion (e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties 	Consideration of draft resolutions
Tuesday, 18 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 8.</i> Panel discussions	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 8. Panel discussions (continued)</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 19 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 10. Implementation of the international drug control treaties (continued)</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 9. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 20 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 9. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (continued)</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 11. World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)

Friday, 21 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 13. Provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 14. Other business</i> <i>Item 15. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session</i>	