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PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

(As Approved by the Committee on 6 December 1946)

ARTICLE 1

SESSIONS

1. Regular Sessions

The Commission shall hold one regular session a year which shall be convened at a date fixed by the Commission at a previous meeting.

2. Special Sessions

A special session of the Commission may be convened upon written request communicated to the Secretary-General, and signed by at least one-third of the membership of the Commission, or, upon the request of the Economic and Social Council at a date to be fixed by the Secretary-General after consultation with the members of the Commission.

3. Place of Sessions

The session of the Commission shall be held at the seat of the United Nations or at such other place as the Economic and Social Council or the Commission may decide.

ARTICLE 2

NOTICES OF SESSIONS

1. Regular Session

Confirmation of the date of a regular session together with the provisional agenda shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the Members of the Commission, the President of the Permanent Central Opium Board and the Chairman of the Supervisory Body two months in advance of the session.

2. Special Sessions

Notice of a special session together with the provisional agenda shall be communicated to the Members of the Commission, the President of the Permanent Central Opium Board and the Chairman of the Supervisory Body four weeks in advance of the session.

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### ARTICLE 3

#### OFFICERS

The Commission shall elect at the regular of each year from amongst its members:

1. A Chairman,
2. A Vice-Chairman, and
3. A Rapporteur.

The term of office of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur shall begin with the regular session and shall continue until their successors have been elected at the regular session of the following year.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall act as Chairman.

A Vice-Chairman acting as Chairman shall have the same powers and duties as the Chairman.

### ARTICLE 4

#### REPRESENTATIVES, ALTERNATES AND/OR TECHNICAL ADVISERS

The representative of each Government Member of the Commission may be accompanied, to each session, by an alternate and such technical advisers as he may require.

### ARTICLE 5

#### AGENDA

The provisional agenda for each session shall be drawn up by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur and shall be communicated to the members together with the notice convening the Commission.

The provisional agenda shall include:

- (a) all items proposed by the Commission at the previous meeting,
- (b) all items proposed by any member of the Commission,
- (c) all items proposed by the Economic and Social Council,
- (d) all items which the Chairman or Secretary-General deem

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necessary to put before the Commission.

The Commission may revise or add to the agenda.

#### ARTICLE 6

##### VOTING

Decisions of the Commission shall require a majority of the Members present and voting.

#### ARTICLE 7

##### QUORUM

The quorum of any meeting shall be a majority of the Members of the Commission.

#### ARTICLE 8

##### COMMITTEES

The Commission may appoint such standing committees, ad hoc committees and technical committees as may be required.

#### ARTICLE 9

##### PUBLICITY OF MEETINGS

The meetings of the Commission shall be public, unless the Commission decides to hold a private meeting. At the close of a private meeting, the Commission may issue a communique through the Secretariat.

##### ABSENCE OF EXPRESS PROVISIONS

In the absence of any express provision herein on any point of procedure which may arise in the course of a session, the Commission shall be guided by the Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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