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### Annotated provisional agenda

#### Addendum

#### Annotations

##### 1. Election of officers

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, the Commission, on 11 December 2015 and 14 March 2016, elected the Bureau for the fifty-ninth session. The offices of Second Vice-Chair and Third Vice-Chair became vacant during the intersessional period after the regular session of the Commission in March 2016. On 7 September 2016, the Latin American and Caribbean States nominated Vivian Loss Sanmartin of Brazil for the office of Second Vice-Chair. On 27 September 2016, the African States nominated Gazing Jessy Napmwang Dangtim of Nigeria for the office of Third Vice-Chair. The Commission is expected to elect those officers of the Bureau for the remainder of the fifty-ninth session on 30 November 2016.

##### 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 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 (UNODC) 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 during the reconvened sessions in order to consider agenda item 3, entitled “Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions”. The remaining items on the agenda will be considered in separate meetings. This is reflected in the proposed organization of work contained in the annex to the present document.

Pursuant to operative paragraph nine of the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, the Commission decided at its intersessional meeting on 8 September, on the basis of a recommendation made by the extended Bureau, to hold at the time of its reconvened fifty-ninth session an additional one-day special segment on follow-up to the special session, which would be convened in an open-ended manner.

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda, addendum (E/CN.7/2016/1/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**
  - (c) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters**

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2015/234, 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”, decided to renew the mandate of the working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC until the part of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in the first half of 2017, at which time the Commissions should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate.

Furthermore, in resolution 58/1, the Commission requested the working group to continue strengthening the governance and financial situation of UNODC, evaluation and oversight, human resources governance to improve gender balance and geographical representation and other matters. The Commission will have before it for its consideration a 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.7/2016/3/Add.1-E/CN.15/2016/3/Add.1).

At its reconvened fifty-eighth session, the Commission adopted resolution 58/12, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 and endorsed the programme support cost funds and special-purpose estimates in the consolidated budget for the biennium. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2016/17-E/CN.15/2016/14) and, for its approval, any revised estimates for the general-purpose funds budget for the biennium 2016-2017 contained therein.

Furthermore, in its resolution 58/12, the Commission recalled General Assembly resolution 65/247 of 24 December 2010, in which the Assembly reiterated its requests to the Secretary-General to present proposals to effectively increase the representation of developing countries in the Secretariat, and requested UNODC, while upholding article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, to intensify its efforts to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular in the Professional and higher categories, by, inter alia, intensifying outreach efforts, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next session. In the same resolution, the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to intensify the efforts of the Office to achieve the goal of a 50/50 gender balance within the Professional and higher categories, including for field representatives, while upholding article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, by, inter alia, intensifying outreach efforts, and to report on the progress of such measures to the Commission at its fifty-ninth session. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographic representation within UNODC (E/CN.7/2016/18-E/CN.15/2016/15).

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

### **Documentation**

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.7/2016/3/Add.1-E/CN.15/2016/3/Add.1)

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2016/17-E/CN.15/2016/14)

Report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographic representation within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2016/18-E/CN.15/2016/15)

- 6. Implementation 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**
  - (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**

At the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, Member States were called on to share relevant information with, as appropriate, and strengthen the capacity of the World Health Organization (WHO), UNODC, the International Narcotics Control Board and other relevant international and regional organizations to prioritize the review of the most prevalent, persistent and harmful new psychoactive substances and to facilitate informed scheduling decisions by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. Reference is made to the importance and relevance of the UNODC early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances, which enables emerging trends in new psychoactive substances to be monitored and allows data collection and information-sharing with Member States. To further assist in generating and analysing data on the situation with respect to amphetamine-type stimulants and new psychoactive substances, UNODC continues to implement the global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends (SMART) programme. Information and expertise is provided to WHO to support the prioritization and assessment of substances to be placed under international control.

In its resolution 58/11, the Commission invited WHO to provide regular and timely recommendations for the scheduling of new psychoactive substances by continuing to explore the potential of assessing structurally related substances and substances with similar harm and dependence potential, enhance data-collection tools and contribute to the development of rapid assessment strategies based on all available sources of information.

In that resolution, WHO was further invited to present its scheduling recommendations to the Commission at its annual reconvened session in order to help Member States prepare for forthcoming scheduling decisions at the following regular session of the Commission.

The thirty-eighth meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence is scheduled to take place from 14 to 18 November 2016 in Geneva. The Committee will evaluate the dependence-producing properties and harm to health of twelve psychoactive substances.

It is expected that WHO will report orally to the Commission about the outcome of the meeting. Pursuant to the international drug control treaties, recommendations on whether or not the substances considered should be placed under international control are made to the Secretary-General, in a form of a notification, and will be acted upon by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its regular session in March 2017.

**8. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1**

At its fifty-ninth session, in March 2016, when the Commission considered its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, reference was made to, inter alia, the importance of working together effectively towards the timely

achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and to the role of the Commission in this regard.

In August 2016, the General Assembly adopted resolution 70/299, entitled “Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level”. In that resolution, the Assembly decided that the theme for the high-level political forum in 2017 would be “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world” and that, in 2017, the set of Goals to be reviewed in depth would be Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14.

Furthermore, in that resolution, the Assembly encouraged coherence of the General Assembly and its Main Committees, the Economic and Social Council, the special agencies and the functional commissions of the Council, and other intergovernmental bodies and forums with the work of the high-level political forum towards the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in this regard took note of the ongoing work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, the Council and its functional and regional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and forums on the review of their working methods and agendas in order to ensure that they addressed the implementation of the 2030 Agenda within their respective areas of expertise and mandates, while avoiding duplication.

Accordingly, the Commission may wish to use its reconvened fifty-ninth session to further consider how it can best contribute to the follow-up and support the review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, within its mandates, as well as how to further enhance synergies between its work and that of other functional commissions of the Council.

#### **10. Provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Commission**

Under agenda item 10, the Commission may wish to consider and discuss the preparations for its sixtieth session, including its provisional agenda and the dates for the sixtieth regular and reconvened session.

In accordance with the Economic and Social Council decision 2016/246, under agenda item 4 of the provisional agenda for the sixtieth regular session, the Commission would hold round-table discussions or a thematic debate. At the fifty-ninth reconvened session, the Commission may therefore wish to decide on the format and topic of agenda item 4.

#### **11. Other business**

##### *Special segment*

##### **Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem**

Pursuant to its resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly convened a special session on the world drug problem from 19 to 21 April 2016 in New York. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs led the preparatory process for the special session by addressing all organizational and substantive preparations, including the negotiation of the outcome document, entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”, adopted by the Assembly on 19 April 2016.

The outcome document contains operational recommendations in seven sections on:

(a) Demand reduction and related measures, including prevention and treatment, as well as other health-related issues;

(b) Ensuring the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion;

(c) Supply reduction and related measures; effective law enforcement; responses to drug-related crime; and countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation;

(d) Cross-cutting issues: drugs and human rights, youth, children, women and communities;

(e) Cross-cutting issues in addressing and countering the world drug problem: evolving reality, trends and existing circumstances, emerging and persistent challenges and threats, including new psychoactive substances, in conformity with the three international drug control conventions and other relevant international instruments;

(f) Strengthening international cooperation based on the principle of common and shared responsibility;

(g) Alternative development; regional, interregional and international cooperation on development-oriented balanced drug control policy; addressing socioeconomic issues.

In operative paragraph nine of the outcome document, Member States agreed to implement the operational recommendations and provide the Commission on Narcotic Drugs with timely information on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations.

The Commission decided at its intersessional meeting held on 8 September 2016 to hold a series of intersessional meetings to discuss the implementation of all seven sections of the outcome document.

During its special segment on follow-up to the special session, which will take the form of a general debate, the Commission will take stock of the intersessional work undertaken in autumn 2016 as well as discuss the way forward.

The proposed programme of work for the special segment on follow-up to the special session is as follows:

1. Opening of the special segment.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. General debate on the follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016.
4. Other business.
5. Closure and outcome of the special segment.

## Documentation

The outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem” (General Assembly resolution S-30/1)

### 12. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-ninth session

Under item 12, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its reconvened fifty-ninth session.

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#### *Opening of the sixtieth 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 both the regular and the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance.

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-ninth session, on 2 December 2016, its sixtieth session for the 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 sixtieth session will be from the regional groups as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regions</i>
Chair	Western European and other States
First Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States
Second Vice-Chair	African States
Third Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States
Rapporteur	Eastern European States

In accordance with established practice and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39, 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 is subject to approval by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. 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. on Wednesday, 30 November, and Thursday, 1 December, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, 2 December 2016.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>	
Wednesday, 30 November	10 a.m.-1p.m.		Opening of the reconvened fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs	
		1	Election of officers ( <i>continued</i> )	
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters ( <i>continued</i> )	
			11	Other business ( <i>continued</i> )
				<b>Special segment</b>
				Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
				1. Opening of the special segment
				2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
				3. General debate on the follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016
				4. Other business
				5. Closure and outcome of the special segment
	3-6 p.m.	11	<b>Special segment</b> ( <i>continued</i> ) Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016	
Thursday, 1 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters ( <i>continued</i> )	
		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> )	
	3-6 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> )	
Friday, 2 December	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6	Implementation of the international drug control treaties ( <i>continued</i> )	
		8	Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1 ( <i>continued</i> )	



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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
		10	Provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Commission ( <i>continued</i> )
		11	Other business ( <i>continued</i> )
		12	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-ninth session

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