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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should, at the end of each session, elect its Bureau for the subsequent session and should 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 to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

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, at the end of its reconvened sixtieth session, on 8 December 2017, opened its sixty-first session for the sole purpose of electing its Bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chair, the First Vice-Chair, the Second Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur. The nomination for the office of the Third Vice-Chair remained pending until 15 December, when the group of Eastern European States nominated Alena Kupchyna of Belarus for that office.

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

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Alicia Buenrostro Massieu (Mexico)
First Vice-Chair	African States	Michael A. O. Oyugi (Kenya)
Second Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Ayesha Riyaz (Pakistan)
Third Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	Alena Kupchyna (Belarus) (<i>designate</i>)
Rapporteur	Western European and other States	Wietze Sijtsma (Netherlands)

In accordance with Economic and Social 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 section I of 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 and that, to that end, the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments, as follows:

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

The provisional agenda for the sixty-first session of the Commission has been structured to comply with Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30.

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social 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 2017/242, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its sixtieth session and approved the provisional agenda for the sixty-first session of the Commission.

At its reconvened sixtieth session, held on 7 and 8 December 2017, the Commission decided that its sixty-first session would be held from 12 to 16 March 2018, with pre-session consultations to be held on 9 March 2018. The Commission also decided that it would hold its reconvened sixty-first session on 6 and 7 December 2018.

In accordance with Commission decision 55/1, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions is one month in advance of the commencement of the session. The Commission decided that the deadline would be set for Monday, 12 February 2018, 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 sixty-first session. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda ([E/CN.7/2018/1](#))

3. General debate

During the regular part of its sixtieth session, the Commission decided to include a general debate in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session. During the reconvened sixtieth session, it was noted that the Commission could approve two procedural points through its extended Bureau, namely to establish a date for opening the list of speakers and to differentiate only between speakers at the ministerial level and other speakers.

Regarding the duration of statements, the practice followed at the sixtieth session of the Commission shall apply, namely that a maximum of 5 minutes of speaking time (which is equivalent to statements of approximately 500 words) will be allotted to those speaking in their national capacity and that 10 minutes will be allotted to the Chairs of the regional groups.

Operational segment

4. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

- (a) **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**
- (b) **Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
- (c) **Working methods of the Commission**
- (d) **Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters**

For its consideration of item 4, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC ([E/CN.7/2018/2-E/CN.15/2018/2](#)), which contains an overview of the activities of the Office during 2017 in the areas of, inter alia, drug prevention, treatment and reintegration and the prevention and treatment of drug-related HIV/AIDS; the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes; cross-cutting issues, including drugs and human rights, youth, children, women and communities; alternative development; countering drug trafficking; countering transnational organized crime and corruption; preventing terrorism; crime prevention and criminal justice; and research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support.

In its decision 2017/236, the Economic and Social Council decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental 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 2021. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in the annex to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13.

At its reconvened sixtieth session, the Commission elected Ignacio Baylina Ruíz (Spain) and Moataz Khaled Aly Abdelhady (Egypt) as Co-Chairs of the working group.

At its sixty-first session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group ([E/CN.7/2018/3-E/CN.15/2018/3](#)).

At its reconvened sixtieth session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs adopted resolution 60/10, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”. At the same session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated

budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2017/12-E/CN.15/2017/14](#)) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2017/13-E/CN.15/2017/15](#)). Pursuant to the request made in its resolution 60/10, the Commission will have before it for approval a note by the Executive Director on the adjustments to the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2018/12-E/CN.15/2018/14](#)).

During its reconvened sixtieth session, the Commission was informed that, in view of the information received by UNODC from the Programme Planning and Budget Division at United Nations Headquarters in relation to the biennial programme plans for 2020–2021, and in view of the pending submission of the Secretary-General's reform proposals for consideration by Member States, the Secretariat was not in a position to make available the note on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2020–2021 for UNODC. UNODC will keep the Commission informed about the outcome of the consideration by Member States of the Secretary-General's reform proposals.

At its reconvened sixtieth session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within UNODC ([E/CN.7/2017/14-E/CN.15/2017/16](#)). At its sixty-first session, the Commission may wish to continue discussing the efforts undertaken by UNODC to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular in the Professional and higher categories, and to achieve the goal of a 50/50 gender balance, in accordance with Commission resolutions 58/12, 59/9 and 60/10.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2018/2-E/CN.15/2018/2](#))

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.7/2018/3-E/CN.15/2018/3](#))

Note by the Executive Director on the adjustments to the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2018/12-E/CN.15/2018/14](#))

Normative segment

5. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

Under item 5, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances

Pursuant to article 2, paragraphs 1 and 4, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and article 3, paragraphs 1 and 3, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) notified the Secretary-General in his communication of 27 November 2017 of the following recommendations:

(a) Carfentanil should be placed in Schedules I and IV of the 1961 Convention as amended;

(b) Ocfentanil should be placed in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention as amended;

(c) Furanylfentanyl should be placed in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention as amended;

- (d) Acryloylfentanyl (acrylfentanyl) should be placed in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention as amended;
- (e) 4-Fluoroisobutyrfentanyl (4-FIBF, pFIBF) should be placed in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention as amended;
- (f) Tetrahydrofuranylfentanyl (THF-F) should be placed in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention as amended;
- (g) AB-CHMINACA should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (h) 5F-MDMB-PINACA (5F-ADB) should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (i) AB-PINACA should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (j) UR-144 should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (k) 5F-PB-22 should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention;
- (l) 4-Fluoroamphetamine (4-FA) should be placed in Schedule II of the 1971 Convention.

In the same communication, the Director-General of WHO informed the Secretary-General that, at its thirty-ninth meeting, the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence had decided to carry out a critical review at a subsequent meeting of pregabalin, tramadol and preparations containing almost exclusively cannabidiol (CBD). The Committee had also recommended that etizolam remain under surveillance.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2018/10 and E/CN.7/2018/10/Add.1), containing relevant extracts of the report on the thirty-ninth meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence, containing the Committee's recommendations and the assessments and findings on which those recommendations were based. The note also contains the comments received from Governments on the proposed international scheduling of carfentanil, ocfentanil, furanylfentanyl, acryloylfentanyl (acrylfentanyl), 4-fluoroisobutyrfentanyl (4-FIBF, pFIBF), tetrahydrofuranylfentanyl (THF-F), AB-CHMINACA, 5F-MDMB-PINACA (5F-ADB), AB-PINACA, UR-144, 5F-PB-22 and 4-fluoroamphetamine (4-FA).

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

The 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" was added to the provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission and maintained on the agendas of the subsequent sessions in order to assist Member States in applying the existing scheduling procedures contained in the three international drug control conventions.

Under the sub-item, the Commission will address the ongoing challenge of identifying and detecting new psychoactive substances. The Commission, in its resolution 59/8, invited WHO, with the support of UNODC, relevant regional organizations and Member States, to continue conducting regular, efficient, transparent and timely reviews of the most harmful, prevalent and persistent new psychoactive substances and to use the potential impact of toxicity at both the population and individual levels as the primary factor in prioritizing substances for review.

Member States resolved, in the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, to strengthen national and international action to address the emerging challenge of new psychoactive substances, including their adverse health consequences, and the evolving threat of amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine, and underscored the

importance of enhancing information-sharing and early warning networks, developing appropriate national legislative, prevention and treatment models and supporting scientific evidence-based review and scheduling of the most prevalent, persistent and harmful substances.

The Commission, in its resolution 60/4, also invited WHO, with the support of Member States, UNODC and other relevant international and regional organizations, to enhance its surveillance of new psychoactive substances of concern, to regularly update its surveillance list and disseminate it to Member States and relevant international and regional organizations and to issue voluntary public health alerts where there was sufficient evidence that a substance posed a significant risk to public health and safety.

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 for data collection and information-sharing with Member States. In response to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 60/4, the system has been enhanced to incorporate toxicological data in order to provide information on the adverse health consequences of the use of new psychoactive substances. To further assist in generating and analysing data on the situation with respect to amphetamine-type stimulants and new psychoactive substances and to use the potential impact of toxicity as the primary factor in prioritizing substances for review, UNODC continues to implement the global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends (SMART) programme and to tailor it to address new challenges.

(c) International Narcotics Control Board

The annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) 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, article 17 of the 1971 Convention and article 21 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 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 2017 (E/INCB/2018/1) 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 2017 on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2018/4) be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2017 (E/INCB/2018/1), 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

The outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016 includes operational recommendations on ensuring the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion.

In 2015, as a supplement to its annual report, INCB issued a special report entitled *Report of the International Narcotics Control Board on the Availability of Internationally Controlled Drugs: Ensuring Adequate Access for Medical and Scientific Purposes* (E/INCB/2015/1/Supp.1). It is expected that an updated version of this publication will be available in 2019.

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

Following the regular part of the sixtieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held from 13 to 17 March 2017, and in view of the decisions taken by the Commission on the changes in the scope of control of substances, the *Multilingual Dictionary of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under International Control* has been updated. In addition, the newly scheduled substances have been included in the UNODC international collaborative exercise for national drug-testing laboratories and limited amounts of reference standards of the substances are available upon request. The publication entitled *Clandestine Manufacture of Substances under International Control* has also been updated in accordance with the latest scheduling decisions.

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.3/2017/1)*, 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.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the scope of control of substances: proposed scheduling recommendations by the World Health Organization ([E/CN.7/2018/10](#) and [E/CN.7/2018/10/Add.1](#))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2017 (E/INCB/2018/1)

Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2017 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/2018/4)

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties (ST/NAR.3/2017/1)

6. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem

In the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, Member States committed themselves to effectively implementing the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action 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 reporting biennially to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the efforts to fully implement the Political Declaration and the Plan of Action. They 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.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Executive Director on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action ([E/CN.7/2018/6](#)). As that report is the fourth and last of the biennial reports that the Commission had requested UNODC to provide before the 2019 target date set in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, it includes information covering the period since its adoption, in 2009.

(a) Demand reduction and related measures

In its resolution 53/16, the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to continue to submit to it the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs, in accordance with the reporting mandates contained in the 1961 Convention as amended and the 1971 Convention. Furthermore, in its resolution 54/9, the Commission requested the Executive Director to provide 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. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse is contained in document [E/CN.7/2018/4](#).

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) are transmitted to the Commission in a note by the Secretariat on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission and the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS. Information on the relevant decisions of the Board taken at its meeting in June 2017 will be before the Commission in document [E/CN.7/2018/7](#).

The Commission will have before it a report of the Executive Director on responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users ([E/CN.7/2018/8](#)).

(b) Supply reduction and related measures

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking ([E/CN.7/2018/5](#)), which includes information on the implementation of resolution 53/16, in which the Commission requested the Executive Director to continue to submit to it the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs. The report provides an overview of the latest trends in illicit drug production and trafficking worldwide.

(c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation

Pursuant to Commission resolution 56/3, entitled “Strengthening international cooperation in combating illicit opiates originating in Afghanistan through continuous and reinforced support to the Paris Pact initiative”, the Commission will have before it a report of the Secretariat containing information on the progress achieved and measures taken in the implementation of the fourth phase of the Paris Pact initiative ([E/CN.7/2018/11](#)).

The Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC ([E/CN.7/2018/2-E/CN.15/2018/2](#)), which includes information on international judicial cooperation and the Office’s Global Programme against Money-Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and the Financing of Terrorism.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2018/2-E/CN.15/2018/2](#))

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse ([E/CN.7/2018/4](#))

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking ([E/CN.7/2018/5](#))

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.7/2018/6](#))

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.7/2018/7)

Report of the Executive Director on responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users (E/CN.7/2018/8)

Report of the Secretariat on strengthening international cooperation in combating illicit opiates originating in Afghanistan through continuous and reinforced support to the Paris Pact initiative (E/CN.7/2018/11)

7. Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session

Pursuant to its resolutions 67/193, 69/200 and 70/181, the General Assembly convened a special session on the world drug problem that was held in New York from 19 to 21 April 2016. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, under the guidance of the President of the General Assembly, 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”, which was adopted by the General Assembly on 19 April 2016 by means of its resolution S-30/1.

The outcome document contains operational recommendations on the following seven thematic areas:

(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 the outcome document, Member States resolved to take the steps necessary to implement the operational recommendations, in close partnership with the United Nations, other intergovernmental organizations and civil society, and to share with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control matters, timely information on progress made in the implementation of those recommendations.

Following the adoption of the outcome document, the Commission initiated a follow-up process based on the principles of comprehensiveness and inclusiveness, addressing all seven thematic chapters of the outcome document equally and providing opportunities for all stakeholders, including United Nations entities, international and regional organizations and civil society organizations, to contribute.

A core part of the Commission-led follow-up process to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem is the thematic discussions that are focused on the exchange of good practices, challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of the outcome document. The first two rounds of thematic discussions were held by the Commission in October 2016 and in January 2017. In its resolution 60/1, the Commission decided to continue to hold intersessional meetings to further work on, and support Member States in, the implementation of the outcome document and the sharing of best practices corresponding to the seven thematic chapters of the outcome document, and to continue to conduct that follow-up process in an inclusive, transparent and comprehensive manner.

In accordance with Commission resolution 60/1, a third round of thematic discussions was held from September to November 2017, with one day dedicated to each of the seven chapters of the outcome document. In addition to a thematic debate, the third round of discussions included panel discussions organized by the Commission on each chapter. The panels consisted of five panellists nominated by the regional groups, up to three panellists from United Nations entities, specialized organizations or other intergovernmental organizations, and one panellist from civil society.

Concluding remarks by the Commission's facilitator for the follow-up to the special session on the world drug problem will be made available to the Commission at its sixty-first session.

In line with the approach taken in the preparatory process leading up to the special session, the Commission's thematic discussions were webcast on the website dedicated to the follow-up to the special session (www.ungass2016.org), allowing all interested stakeholders to follow the deliberations.

With a view to retaining and disseminating the valuable contributions shared by Member States during the thematic discussions on the follow-up to the special session, and in accordance with General Assembly resolutions [71/211](#) and [72/198](#), the secretariat to the governing bodies of UNODC is working on a good practices portal to showcase measures undertaken by Member States to implement the operational recommendations contained in the outcome document.

Documentation

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, annex)

8. Inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem

In the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, Member States reaffirmed the principal role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control matters. They also reaffirmed their support and appreciation for the efforts of UNODC as the leading entity in the United Nations system for addressing and countering the world drug problem. Also in the outcome document, Member States encouraged the Commission and UNODC to further increase cooperation and collaboration with all relevant United Nations entities and international financial institutions, within their respective mandates, when assisting Member States in designing and implementing comprehensive, integrated and balanced national drug strategies, policies and programmes, and welcomed continued efforts to enhance coherence within the United Nations system at all levels.

In its resolutions [71/211](#) and [72/198](#), the General Assembly reaffirmed the outcome document and encouraged all relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to identify operational recommendations in it that fell within their area of specialization and to commence implementing the recommendations that were within their existing mandates, in collaboration and cooperation with UNODC and INCB,

keeping the Commission informed of programmes and progress made to achieve goals set out in the outcome document.

In addition to supporting the Commission's follow-up process to the special session on the world drug problem, UNODC also continued to strengthen its cooperation with other United Nations entities to support Member States in the implementation of the recommendations. In February 2017, UNODC and WHO signed a new memorandum of understanding in order to promote greater collaboration and knowledge-sharing between the two organizations. UNODC is also working with WHO and INCB to enhance cooperation in the implementation of the outcome document.

With a view to enhancing coherence within the broader United Nations system, UNODC has been tasked by the Secretary-General with leading the coordination with relevant United Nations entities, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, WHO, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat and the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, following the decision by the Executive Committee established by the Secretary-General, one of the aims of which is to assist Member States with the implementation of the recommendations contained in the outcome document.

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its follow-up process to the special session, also actively seeks to strengthen horizontal cooperation with the other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. The organization of joint events on cross-cutting issues, including with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Statistical Commission and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, provides an opportunity to further expand ongoing collaboration, interaction and information exchange on issues of common interest.

9. Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission

In its resolution [72/198](#), the General Assembly encouraged the continued contribution of 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 the strengthening of regional and international cooperation. The Commission will be informed of the results of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies held since its sixtieth session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations made at the Twelfth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, held in Vienna from 27 to 30 June 2017; the Twenty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Hurghada, Egypt, from 18 to 22 September 2017; the Twenty-seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Guatemala City from 2 to 6 October 2017; the Forty-first Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 27 to 30 November 2017; and the Fifty-second session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, held in Beirut from 13 to 17 November 2017, 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.7/2018/9](#).

In the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, Member States recommended strengthening, including through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and, as appropriate, its subsidiary bodies, the regular exchange of information, good practices and lessons learned among national practitioners from different fields and at all levels to effectively implement an integrated and balanced approach to the world drug problem and its various aspects

and considering additional measures to further facilitate meaningful discussion among those practitioners.

In response to the invitation contained in paragraph 97 of General Assembly resolution [71/211](#), and mindful of the requests contained in Commission resolution 56/10 and the operational recommendation contained in paragraph 6 (c) of the outcome document, in its decision 60/1, the Commission decided to examine how its subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the implementation of the outcome document, to inform its subsidiary bodies of the invitation contained in General Assembly resolution [71/211](#) and to invite those bodies to consider that invitation at their upcoming meetings and report back to it in due course. The subsidiary bodies of the Commission, at their meetings held in 2017, considered Commission decision 60/1. Further information on this matter is contained in document [E/CN.7/2018/9](#).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs ([E/CN.7/2018/9](#))

10. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution [68/1](#), including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

At its fifty-eighth session, in March 2015, the Commission decided to include a standing item on its agenda focusing on its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution [68/1](#). Pursuant to that resolution, the Council is expected to, inter alia, ensure the harmonization and coordination of the agendas and work programmes of the functional commissions by promoting a clearer division of labour among them and providing clear policy guidance to them. In accordance with that same resolution, the Commission has been contributing, as appropriate, to the work of the Council relating to the common themes of the annual framework of the Council. The theme for the 2018 session of the Council is: “From global to local: supporting sustainable and resilient societies in urban and rural communities”.

In September 2015, by its resolution [70/1](#), entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the General Assembly adopted the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda. In that outcome document, Heads of State and Government and High Representatives envisaged that thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, would take place at the high-level political forum on sustainable development and that those reviews would be supported by reviews by the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums.

In the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly held in 2016, Member States welcomed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and noted that efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and to effectively address the world drug problem were complementary and mutually reinforcing. Also in the outcome document, Member States encouraged the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to contribute to the global follow-up and support the thematic review of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, within its mandates, bearing in mind the integrated nature of the Goals as well as the interlinkages between them, and make that information available to the high-level political forum on sustainable development through the appropriate institutional framework, taking into account General Assembly resolution [70/1](#).

In its resolution [70/299](#), the General Assembly decided that the theme for the high-level political forum in 2018 would be “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies” and that, in 2018, the Sustainable Development Goals to be

reviewed in depth would be Goals 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15, in addition to Goal 17, which is to be reviewed annually.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly encouraged coherence of the Assembly and its Main Committees, the Economic and Social Council, the specialized agencies, 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 to and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and in that 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.

In the margins of the 2017 session of the high-level political forum towards the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Commission held a joint event with other functional commissions of the Council on the topic of gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Commission may wish to use its sixty-first session to further consider how it can best contribute to the follow-up to and support the review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, within its mandates, as well as how to further enhance synergies between its work and that of other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Preparations for the ministerial segment

11. Preparations for the ministerial segment to be held during the sixty-second session of the Commission, in 2019

In the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, Member States decided to establish 2019 as a target date for States to eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably: (a) the illicit cultivation of opium poppy, coca bush and cannabis plant; (b) the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; and drug-related health and social risks; (c) the illicit production, manufacture, marketing and distribution of, and trafficking in, psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs; (d) the diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors; and (e) money-laundering related to illicit drugs.

In the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, Member States reaffirmed their commitment to implementing effectively the provisions set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, mindful of the targets and goals set therein, as well as to addressing the general challenges and priorities for action identified in the Joint Ministerial Statement adopted at the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, held in March 2014.

In its resolution 60/1, the Commission decided to convene a ministerial segment to be held during its sixty-second session, in 2019, which would last two days, in addition to the five days scheduled for the regular session of the Commission, in order to take stock of the implementation of the commitments made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in the light of the 2019 target date in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

In October and November of 2017, the Chair of the Commission at its sixtieth session held brainstorming discussions with the regional groups on the way forward after the target date of 2019 and on the preparations for the sixty-second session.

At its intersessional meeting held on 17 November 2017, the Commission discussed the preparations for its sixty-second session, focusing on the preparations for the ministerial segment and on the implementation of its resolution 60/1.

The Chair submitted a background paper to the Commission at its reconvened sixtieth session outlining the main elements derived from the brainstorming discussions with the regional groups and the discussion held during the intersessional meeting on 17 November 2017 (E/CN.7/2017/CRP.9).

12. Provisional agenda for the sixty-second session of the Commission

Under agenda item 12, the Commission should devote time to the consideration of any further enhancements that it may deem appropriate to the provisional agenda for its sixty-second and subsequent sessions.

13. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 13 have been brought to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

14. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-first session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its sixty-first session in the afternoon of 16 March 2018.

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 sixtieth session, held on 7 and 8 December 2017, agreed that informal consultations would be held on 9 March 2017.
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 submission of draft resolutions to be considered at the sixty-first session is four weeks prior to the commencement of the session, i.e. Monday, 12 February 2018, at 12 noon. States members of the Commission intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission at its sixty-first session are requested to submit them to the Secretariat as early as possible and at the latest by the formal deadline.
4. 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.
5. Allotted speaking times must be strictly adhered to during the sixty-first session.

Informal pre-session consultations, 9 March 2018

Date and time

Friday, 9 March

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (<i>continued</i>)

Proposed organization of work for the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 12–16 March 2018

Date and time

Plenary

Committee of the Whole

Monday, 12 March

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Opening of the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters Item 3. General debate	
3–6 p.m.	Item 3. General debate (<i>continued</i>)	Consideration of draft resolutions

Tuesday, 13 March

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Operational segment Item 4. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions: (a) 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; (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; (c) Working methods of the Commission; (d) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	Normative segment Item 5. Implementation of the international drug control treaties: (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances; (b) Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations; (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 (<i>continued</i>)

Wednesday, 14 March

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 5. Implementation of the international drug control treaties (<i>continued</i>) Item 6. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: (a) Demand reduction and related measures; (b) Supply reduction and related measures; (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	Item 6. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (<i>continued</i>)	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)

Thursday, 15 March

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 7. Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
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3–6 p.m.	Item 7. Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session (<i>continued</i>) Item 8. Inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 16 March		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 9. Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission Item 10. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Preparations for the ministerial segment Item 11. Preparations for the ministerial segment to be held during the sixty-second session of the Commission, in 2019	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	Item 12. Provisional agenda for the sixty-second session of the Commission Item 13. Other business Item 14. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-first session	
