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## Annotations

### 1. Election of officers

In its resolution 2003/31, entitled “Functioning of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from 2004, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice 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 preparation of the regular session as well as the informal intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme. It also decided that the Chair of the Commission should, whenever appropriate, invite 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 to participate in the meetings of the bureau.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened twenty-fifth session, on 2 December 2016, opened its twenty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. The Commission elected the Chair, the Second Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur. The nomination for Third Vice-Chair remained pending until 9 December 2016, when the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States nominated Wilson Marcelo Pastor Morris of Ecuador. The Commission is expected to elect the First Vice-Chair and Third Vice-Chair during its consideration of item 1 of the present provisional agenda.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the twenty-sixth session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Mitsuru Kitano (Japan)
First Vice-Chair	African States	Lotfi Bouchaara (Morocco) ( <i>designate</i> )

Second Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	Olga Algayerova (Slovakia)
Third Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Wilson Marcelo Pastor Morris (Ecuador) ( <i>designate</i> )
Rapporteur	Western European and other States	Roland Seeger (Germany)

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 has been established to assist the Chair of the Commission and to participate in the meetings of the bureau, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31.

## 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

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 2016/243, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its twenty-fifth session and approved the provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session of the Commission.

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

As agreed by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-fifth session, in December 2016, the twenty-sixth session of the Commission will be held from 22 to 26 May 2017, with pre-session informal consultations to be held on 19 May 2017, the working day preceding the first day of the session.

Draft resolutions should be submitted as early as possible in order to enable productive discussions during the pre-session consultations. In accordance with Commission decisions 21/1 and 22/2, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions would, in principle, be one month prior to the commencement of the session. As agreed at its reconvened twenty-fifth session, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission at its twenty-sixth session is Monday, 24 April 2017, at noon. Draft resolutions should be accompanied by such information as the intended scope, a proposed timetable for implementation, identification of resources available and other relevant information.

As noted by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-fifth session, a workshop will be organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network. The workshop will be held in the afternoon of the first day of the twenty-sixth session, as was done in previous years, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals and under the chairmanship of a member of the bureau. The theme of the workshop will be the prominent theme of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/259, the Commission will hold its reconvened twenty-sixth session concurrently with the part of the reconvened sixtieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to be held on 7 and 8 December 2017.

### Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations ([E/CN.15/2017/1](#))

**3. 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 United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme**
- (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 3, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) ([E/CN.7/2017/2-E/CN.15/2017/2](#)), which contains an overview of the activities conducted by UNODC during 2016 in the areas of, inter alia, 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.

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 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 2017, at which time the Commission should 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 18/3.

At its twenty-sixth session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group, and recommendations of that working group with regard to its mandate and future work ([E/CN.7/2017/3-E/CN.15/2017/3](#) and Add.1).

At its reconvened twenty-fifth session, the Commission considered 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 adopted resolution 25/4, entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund”. At the same session, the Commission also considered the report of the Executive Director entitled “Gender balance and geographical representation within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime” ([E/CN.7/2016/18-E/CN.15/2016/15](#) and Corr.1).

At the twenty-fifth session of the Commission, a proposal was made under sub-item (c), on the working methods of the Commission, that UNODC circulate once again a note verbale inviting Member States to submit their views on ways to improve the working methods of the Commission. Accordingly, a note verbale was circulated by the Secretariat on 9 September 2016 and the comments received were made available to the Commission at its reconvened twenty-fifth session, in December 2016. At that session, several speakers reaffirmed their support for the comments contained in the conference room paper entitled “Working methods of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice” ([E/CN.15/2016/CRP.7](#)) and made a number of other comments in that regard. At the same session, the

Commission decided that the extended Bureau should discuss matters relating to the working methods of the Commission at its twenty-sixth session.

Under sub-item (d), on staff composition of the Office and other related matters, the Secretariat will provide an oral report to the Commission on the implementation of the relevant provisions of Commission resolution 25/4. In that resolution, the Commission 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 made at its next session. In the same resolution, the Executive Director of UNODC was requested 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, by, inter alia, intensifying outreach efforts, and to report on the progress of such measures to the Commission at its next session.

### **Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2017/2-E/CN.15/2017/2](#))

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.7/2017/3-E/CN.15/2017/3](#) and Add.1)

## **4. Thematic discussion on comprehensive and integrated crime prevention strategies: public participation, social policies and education in support of the rule of law**

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2016/241, the prominent theme for the twenty-sixth session of the Commission is “Comprehensive and integrated crime prevention strategies: public participation, social policies and education in support of the rule of law”.

For its consideration of the item, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion ([E/CN.15/2017/6](#)).

### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion ([E/CN.15/2017/6](#))

## **5. Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice**

### **(a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto**

In its resolution 71/209, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto represented the most important tools of the international community for fighting transnational organized crime, and noted with appreciation that the number of States parties to the Convention had reached 187, which was a significant indication of the commitment shown by the international community to combating transnational organized crime. In the same resolution, the Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

In the same resolution, the Assembly recalled article 32 of the Organized Crime Convention and its resolution 69/197, in which, inter alia, the need for the establishment of a mechanism to review the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto by States parties had been reiterated, and underlined that the review of the implementation of the Convention was an ongoing and gradual process and that it was necessary to explore all options regarding the establishment of a mechanism to assist the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

Also in the same resolution, the Assembly welcomed with appreciation the decision of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its eighth session to continue the process of establishing a mechanism for the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto and to elaborate specific procedures and rules for the functioning of the mechanism, to include the elements specified by the Conference, for consideration by it at its ninth session, and its decision that the mechanism would progressively address all the articles of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, in accordance with the agreed clusters of articles and the multi-year workplan.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/209 is included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2017/4](#)).

**(b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

In its resolution 71/209, the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, urged States parties to that Convention to continue to provide full support to the review mechanism adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and noted with appreciation that the number of States parties had reached 180, which was a significant indication of the commitment shown by the international community to combating corruption and related crimes.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly urged Member States and relevant international organizations, in cooperation with the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, to develop national, subregional, regional and international strategies, as appropriate, and other necessary measures, including the establishment, in accordance with domestic legislation, of designated central authorities and effective points of contact dedicated to facilitating the procedures related to international cooperation, including for mutual legal assistance requests, in order to effectively address transnational organized crime, and to strengthen all forms of cooperation to enable the return of illicitly acquired assets in accordance with the provisions of the Convention against Corruption for asset recovery, in particular chapter V, with the cooperation of UNODC, within its existing mandate.

Furthermore, in its resolution 71/208, the General Assembly, encouraged all States parties to the Convention to strengthen their commitment to effective national action and international cooperation to give full effect to chapter V of the Convention and to contribute effectively to the recovery of the proceeds of corruption. It also encouraged States parties to give full effect to the resolutions, including those on asset recovery, of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention.

Information on the implementation of those resolutions is included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2017/4](#)).

**(c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism**

In its resolution 71/151, entitled “Measures to eliminate international terrorism”, the General Assembly requested the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC to continue its efforts to enhance, through its mandate, the capabilities of the United Nations in the prevention of terrorism and recognized, in the context of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), its role in assisting States in becoming parties to and implementing the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, including the most recent among them, and in strengthening international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters related to terrorism, including through national capacity-building.

In the same resolution, the Assembly called upon all Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as well as the resolutions relating to the first, second, third, fourth and fifth biennial reviews of the Strategy, in all its aspects at the international, regional, subregional and national levels without delay, including by mobilizing resources and expertise.

In its resolution 70/177, entitled “Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism”, the Assembly, inter alia, called upon UNODC to continue to strengthen the provision of technical assistance to Member States, upon request and within its mandate, on effective measures, based on the rule of law, for criminal justice responses addressing the prevention of terrorism, in full conformity with human rights and fundamental freedoms, and urged the Office, in coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to continue to strengthen its cooperation with international organizations and relevant entities of the United Nations system, as well as with international, regional and subregional organizations and arrangements, in the delivery of technical assistance, whenever appropriate.

Furthermore, in its resolution 71/209, the Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, and urged States parties to those conventions and protocols to make efforts towards their effective implementation.

In the same resolution, the Assembly reiterated its request to UNODC to enhance its technical assistance to Member States, upon request, to strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism, including the phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters and the financial sources of terrorism, through the facilitation of the ratification and implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism, in close consultation with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate, as well as to continue to contribute to the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, and invited Member States to provide the Office with appropriate resources for its mandate.

Information on the implementation of those resolutions will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism ([E/CN.15/2017/5](#)).

**(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters**

In its resolution 2015/23, entitled “Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons”, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twenty-sixth session on the implementation of the



resolution, including by providing an update on the status of the contributions to and expenditure of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children. As the extrabudgetary resources required for the preparation of the report on the implementation of the resolution were not made available to the Secretariat, the report was not prepared.

**(e) Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies**

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56, the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, under the guidance of the Commission (as the successor to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, pursuant to Council resolution 1992/1), is to undertake relevant activities, including formulating principles, policies and guidelines for the activities of the Institute and reporting periodically to the Council through the Commission. A note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute will be made available to the Commission ([E/CN.15/2017/8](#)).

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network ([E/CN.15/2017/7](#)).

**Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2017/2-E/CN.15/2017/2](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2017/4](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism ([E/CN.15/2017/5](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network ([E/CN.15/2017/7](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute ([E/CN.15/2017/8](#))

**6. Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice**

In section VII of its resolution 1992/22, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should include in its agenda a standing item on existing United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including their use and application.

In its resolution 2003/30, the Council decided to group those United Nations standards and norms into categories for the purpose of targeted collection of information and requested UNODC, in collaboration with the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to provide support to Member States requesting assistance with the use and application of those United Nations standards and norms.

In its resolution 71/209, the General Assembly encouraged Member States to take relevant measures, as appropriate to their national contexts, to ensure the diffusion, use and application of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention



and criminal justice, including the consideration and, where they deemed it necessary, dissemination of existing manuals and handbooks developed and published by UNODC.

The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2017/9](#)).

In its resolution 25/2, entitled “Promoting legal aid, including through a network of legal aid providers”, the Commission invited Member States, in line with the Doha Declaration on Integrating Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice into the Wider United Nations Agenda to Address Social and Economic Challenges and to Promote the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels, and Public Participation, to participate in the second International Conference on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems, held in Buenos Aires in November 2016, and in that context requested UNODC to make available any ensuing report to the Commission. That report will be made available as a conference room paper for the consideration of the Commission, as the extrabudgetary resources required for its preparation in the six official languages of the United Nations were not made available to the Secretariat.

Furthermore, in its resolution 2016/17, entitled “Restorative justice in criminal matters”, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission, at its session following the meeting of restorative justice experts in collaboration with Member States, relevant United Nations entities, including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network and other relevant stakeholders with experience in restorative justice processes, on the outcome of that meeting and on other efforts made in implementation of that resolution. The report will be made available as a conference room paper for the consideration of the Commission, as the extrabudgetary resources required for its preparation in the six official languages of the United Nations were not made available to the Secretariat.

### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2017/9](#))

## **7. World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice**

Understanding and knowledge of crime trends and criminal justice indicators support effective policy formulation, operational response and impact assessment in the area of crime prevention. Regular international data-collection activities on crime trends and criminal justice and relevant analysis were mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/152 and by the Economic and Social Council in its resolutions 1984/48, 1990/18, 1996/11 and 1997/27.

In its resolution 71/209, the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested UNODC to continue to develop, in close cooperation with Member States, technical and methodological tools and trend analyses and studies to enhance knowledge of crime trends and support Member States in designing appropriate responses in specific areas of crime, in particular in their transnational dimension, taking into account the need to make the best possible use of existing resources. In the same resolution, the Assembly invited Member States to develop national plans for the gradual adoption of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes and to strengthen national statistical systems of criminal justice. Also in the same resolution, the Assembly requested UNODC, within its existing mandate, to

continue to strengthen the regular collection, analysis and dissemination of accurate, reliable and comparable data and information, including, as appropriate, data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant criteria, and strongly encouraged Member States to share such data and information with the Office.

Also in its resolution 71/209, the Assembly reaffirmed the importance of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme in promoting effective action to strengthen international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice, as well as of the work of UNODC in the fulfilment of its mandate in crime prevention and criminal justice, including providing to Member States, upon request and as a matter of high priority, technical cooperation, advisory services and other forms of assistance, and coordinating with and complementing the work of all relevant and competent United Nations bodies and offices in respect of all forms of organized crime, including piracy and transnational organized crime committed at sea, cybercrime and the use of new information technologies to abuse and exploit children, as well as identity-related crime, trafficking in cultural property, illicit financial flows, economic and financial crimes, including fraud, as well as tax and corporate crimes, trafficking in precious metals and stones, counterfeiting in trademarked goods, crimes that affect the environment and trafficking in endangered species of wild fauna and flora, drug trafficking, trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, direct and indirect trade in oil and refined oil products with organized criminal and terrorist groups, and corruption and terrorism.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2017/2-E/CN.15/2017/2](#))

Note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2017/10](#))

#### **8. Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**

In its resolution 71/206, the General Assembly reiterated its invitation to Governments to take into consideration the Doha Declaration adopted at the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice when formulating legislation and policy directives and to make every effort, where appropriate, to implement the principles contained therein in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. In the same resolution, the Assembly welcomed the initiative of the Government of Qatar to work with UNODC in ensuring appropriate follow-up to the implementation of the Doha Declaration and also welcomed the funding agreement between the Government and the Office.

Also in the same resolution, the Assembly invited Member States to provide their suggestions in relation to the overall theme, the agenda items and the topics for the workshops of the Fourteenth Congress and requested the Secretary-General to include those suggestions in the report on the follow-up to the Thirteenth Congress and preparations for the Fourteenth Congress to be submitted to the Commission at its twenty-sixth session. In addition, the Assembly requested the Commission to approve at its twenty-sixth session the overall theme, the agenda items and the topics for the workshops of the Fourteenth Congress.

## Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice ([E/CN.15/2017/11](#))

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

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Economic and Social 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 resolution, the Commission has been contributing, as appropriate, to the Council's work relating to its annual framework common themes. Pursuant to Council decision 2017/208, the themes for the next three sessions of the Council will be: "Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges" (2017); "From global to local: supporting sustainable and resilient societies in urban and rural communities" (2018); and "One world for all: empowering people to build equal and inclusive societies" (2019).

In September 2015, the General Assembly adopted resolution 70/1, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". In that resolution it is foreseen that thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, will take place at the high-level political forum on sustainable development and will be supported by reviews by the functional commissions of the Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums. The forum, which has a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes, will hold annual meetings under the auspices of the Council, which will pave the ground for quadrennial forum meetings under the auspices of the General Assembly.

In its resolution 70/299, entitled "Follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level", the General Assembly, inter alia, decided that the annual themes for the high-level political forum on sustainable development for the remainder of the current cycle would be as follows: "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world" (2017); "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies" (2018); and "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality" (2019).

In the same resolution, the Assembly decided that the high-level political forum, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, should discuss a set of Goals and their interlinkages, including, if appropriate, with other Goals, at each session representing the three dimensions of sustainable development, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all Goals over the course of a four-year cycle, with means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, reviewed annually. Also in the same resolution, the Assembly decided that Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14 would be reviewed in depth in 2017. The Commission is expected to discuss its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, and its substantive contribution to the high-level political forum on sustainable development to be held in July 2017.

**10. Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission**

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its twenty-seventh session. With respect to the duration of the session and the submission of draft resolutions, the Commission should review the experience gained thus far and is invited to consider its programme of work in relation to the duration of its subsequent sessions, as well as the appropriateness of recent practice with respect to the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions.

**11. Other business**

No issues that need to be raised under item 11 have come to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

**12. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-sixth session**

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report of its twenty-sixth session on 26 May 2017, the last day of the session.

In its decision 2011/257, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should make efforts to reduce the length of its annual reports, bearing in mind the need for such reports to include resolutions and decisions adopted or transmitted by the Commission at its sessions, as well as briefer summaries of its deliberations under each agenda item, focusing in particular on policy findings and conclusions reached. The Commission reaffirmed that commitment in its decisions 21/1 and 22/2.

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

1. In its decision 1997/232, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in addition to plenary meetings, should be provided with full interpretation services for a total of 12 meetings for informal consultations on draft proposals and for meetings of open-ended working groups, with the precise allocation of time for the different types of meetings to be determined by the Commission under the agenda item entitled "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work", on the understanding that no more than two meetings would be held concurrently, in order to ensure maximum participation of delegations.
2. 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. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 22 May, to the morning of Friday, 26 May 2017. A workshop on the theme of the thematic discussion ("Comprehensive and integrated crime prevention strategies: public participation, social policies and education in support of the rule of law"), organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, will be held, under the chairmanship of a member of the Bureau, in the afternoon of Monday, 22 May, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals.
3. The Commission, at its reconvened twenty-fifth session, decided that informal pre-session consultations would be held on Friday, 19 May 2017. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, inter alia, a preliminary review of the draft resolutions to be considered by the Commission at its twenty-sixth session, the duration of the twenty-seventh session and other matters.
4. 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. States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the twenty-sixth session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible but not after Monday, 24 April 2017. To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions be submitted to the Secretariat in electronic form.

#### Informal pre-session consultations, 19 May 2017

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**Friday, 19 May**

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

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**Twenty-sixth session, 22-26 May 2017**

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
<b>Monday, 22 May</b>		
10-11 a.m.	Opening of the session <i>Item 1.</i> Election of officers <i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> 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 (UNODC) (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme (c) Working methods of the Commission (d) Staff composition of UNODC and other related matters	
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions ( <i>continued</i> )	Workshop on the theme “Comprehensive and integrated crime prevention strategies: public participation, social policies and education in support of the rule of law”
<b>Tuesday, 23 May</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> Thematic discussion on comprehensive and integrated crime prevention strategies: public participation, social policies and education in support of the rule of law	Consideration of draft resolutions
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> Thematic discussion ( <i>continued</i> )	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 24 May</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Integration and coordination of efforts by UNODC and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )

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	(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters	
	(e) Other activities in support of the work of UNODC, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies	
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Integration and coordination of efforts by UNODC and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (continued)	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)
<b>Thursday, 25 May</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 6.</i> Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)
	<i>Item 7.</i> World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice	
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 8.</i> Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)
<b>Friday, 26 May</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 9.</i> Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1, including follow-up, review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)
	<i>Item 10.</i> Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission	
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 11.</i> Other business	
	<i>Item 12.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-sixth session	