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Provisional agenda and annotations**Addendum****Annotations****2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/259, entitled “Joint meetings of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, decided that, starting in 2011, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should hold joint meetings during their reconvened sessions for the sole purpose of considering agenda items included in the operational segment of the agendas of both Commissions, with a view to providing integrated policy directives to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on administrative, budgetary and strategic management issues. The Council also decided that the practice of holding back-to-back reconvened sessions of the Commissions should be continued to enable each Commission to consider, in separate meetings, agenda items included in the normative segment of its agenda.

In accordance with that decision, two meetings of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will be held jointly with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the first day of the reconvened sessions in order to consider agenda item 3. The remaining items on the agenda will be considered thereafter in a separate meeting. This is reflected in the proposed organization of work contained in the annex.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.15/2011/1/Add.1)



3. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

- (a) Work of the 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**

At its reconvened twentieth session, the Commission is expected to review and approve the budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, including its administrative and programme support costs budget. The Commission will have before it for consideration at the joint meetings of the two Commissions during the reconvened session, the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/16-E/CN.15/2011/22) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/17-E/CN.15/2011/23).

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/258, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, reaffirmed the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as governing body of the United Nations on matters of crime prevention and criminal justice and as the governing body of the crime programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and expressed its concern about the governance and financial situation of the Office, as well as its awareness of the urgent need to address these issues in a pragmatic, result-oriented, efficient and cooperative manner. In that resolution, the Council also reaffirmed Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, and decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the Office until the part of the session of the Commission to be held in the first half of 2013, 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 on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3. At its session in the first half of 2011, the Commission had before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2011/9-E/CN.15/2011/9).

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in its resolution 20/1, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: recommendations of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, requested the Secretariat and the working group to develop, as follow-up to the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, an updated strategy for the period 2012-2015. Pursuant to that resolution, the Commission, at its reconvened twentieth session, should have before it for consideration an updated strategy for the Office covering the period 2012-2015, prepared by the Secretariat

and the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the Office.¹

Also in its resolution 20/1, the Commission welcomed the progress made in developing and implementing, within the mandate of the Office and in continual consultation with Member States, an integrated programme approach, comprising thematic and regional programmes for the delivery of the normative and technical assistance mandates of the Office, and requested the Executive Director of the Office to continue presenting such thematic and regional programmes to the working group, to continue giving high priority and support to the implementation of the integrated programme approach through the promotion of the regional and thematic programmes, and to report on progress made in such implementation to the Commission at its reconvened twentieth session. Information on progress made in the implementation of the integrated programme approach will be included in the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/16-E/CN.15/2011/22), which will also contain information on efforts made to promote a culture of evaluation throughout the Office, to mainstream the use of relevant monitoring and evaluation tools in programme planning and implementation and to provide adequate training, as appropriate and within available resources, to staff at the headquarters of the Office and its field offices.

In the same resolution the Commission took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of management and administration in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime" (JIU/REP/2010/10), and requested the working group, within its mandate, to thoroughly consider the observations and recommendations made in that report, with a view to presenting recommendations for appropriate follow-up to the Commission for its consideration at its reconvened twentieth session. The Commission also requested the working group to explore the possibility of creating, if possible by the end of 2011, an internal system to monitor the implementation of recommendations made by relevant oversight bodies, including the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Joint Inspection Unit, the Board of Auditors and the Independent Evaluation Unit, and invited the working group to discuss ways to encourage host countries to make voluntary contributions to help cover regular operating costs of country and programme offices, with a view to improving the financial sustainability of the field office network of the Office, and to report to the Commission at its reconvened twentieth session on that matter. The Commission will have before it for consideration a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2011/9/Add.1-E/CN.15/2011/9/Add.1).

Pursuant to Commission resolution 20/1, the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime will include information on application of the programme support charge. It will also include an update on the implementation of Commission resolution 18/6, in which the Commission sought to ensure that the Independent Evaluation Unit became fully staffed and operational.

Item 3 will be considered at joint meetings with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs pursuant to Council decision 2011/259.

¹ To be issued.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/16-E/CN.15/2011/22)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2011/17-E/CN.15/2011/23)

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.7/2011/9/Add.1-E/CN.15/2011/9/Add.1)

Updated strategy for the period 2012-2015 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime²

10. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 10 have come to the attention of the Secretariat, and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twentieth session

Under item 11, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its reconvened twentieth session.

Opening of the twenty-first session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and election of officers

Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the officers of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice hold office until their successors are elected, and they are eligible for re-election.

In its resolution 2003/31, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from 2004, the Commission should, at the end of each session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play an active role in the preparations for both the regular and the 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.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission is invited to open, at the end of its reconvened twentieth session, on 13 December 2011, its twenty-first session for the sole purpose of electing the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur for that session.

² To be issued.

In view of the established practice of rotating the offices on the basis of regional distribution, the officers to be elected by the Commission for its twenty-first session will be from the regional groups as follows:

<i>Chair</i>	Asian States and Pacific small island developing States
<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	African States
<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	Eastern European States
<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States
<i>Rapporteur</i>	Western European and other States

Also in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31, the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the Presidency of the European Union will be invited to participate in meetings of the bureau, thus constituting, together with the elected officers, the extended bureau.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

The proposed organization of work shown below is subject to approval by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. As soon as discussion on an item has been concluded, the following item will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday, 12 December and 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 December 2011.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 12 December	10 a.m.-11 a.m.		Opening of the reconvened twentieth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
		3	Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	3	Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
Tuesday, 13 December	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	10	Other business
		11	Adoption of the report of the Commission