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### Annotated provisional agenda

#### Addendum

#### Annotations

##### 1. Election of officers

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 elected the Bureau for the twenty-seventh session on 8 December 2017. The offices of Second Vice-Chair, Third Vice-Chair and Rapporteur became vacant during the intersessional period after the regular part of the twenty-seventh session in May 2018. The Commission is expected to elect those officers of the Bureau for the remainder of the twenty-seventh session on 6 December 2018.

##### 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 would hold joint meetings during their reconvened sessions for the purpose of considering agenda items included in the operational segment of the agendas of both Commissions, with a view to providing integrated policy directives to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on administrative, budgetary and strategic management issues. The Council also decided that the practice of holding back-to-back reconvened sessions of the Commissions would 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 during their reconvened sessions in order to consider agenda item 4, on strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions. The remaining items on the agenda will be considered thereafter in separate meetings. This is reflected in the proposed organization of work contained in the annex to the present document.

#### Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda, addendum (E/CN.15/2018/1/Add.1)



**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 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**

In its decision 2017/236, 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”, the Economic and Social Council decided to renew the mandate of the working group 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, at which time the commissions should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3.

In its resolution 26/1, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice requested the working group to continue examining and discussing the funding situation and financial management of UNODC, the governance and financial situation of UNODC, integrated programming, evaluation and oversight, human resources governance to improve the gender balance and geographical representation, as well as other matters. The Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2018/3/Add.1-E/CN.15/2018/3/Add.1).

At its reconvened twenty-sixth session, the Commission adopted resolution 26/5, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund”, in which it provisionally approved the projected use of general-purpose funds in the biennium 2018–2019 and endorsed the programme support cost funds and special-purpose estimates in the consolidated budget for the biennium, subject to some adjustments to be made.

At its twenty-seventh session, the Commission had 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). The Commission adopted its resolution 27/1, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund”, noting and approving the adjustments proposed.

At its reconvened twenty-seventh session, the Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2018/14-E/CN.15/2018/16) and, for its approval, any revised estimates for the general-purpose funds budget for the biennium 2018–2019 contained therein.

The Commission will also consider the draft annual programme implementation plan for 2020 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2018/CRP.11-E/CN.15/2018/CRP.8).

In its resolution 26/5, 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 thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session. Furthermore, the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to

intensify the efforts of the Office to achieve the goal of a 50/50 gender balance within the Professional and higher categories, including for field representatives, while upholding Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, by, inter alia, intensifying outreach efforts, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session. The Commission further requested UNODC to continue to include in such reporting, as well as in the dialogue within the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC, disaggregated data on the composition of staff by geographical area and gender, as well as measures taken to improve the geographical distribution and gender parity of its staff, including a description of its internal and external recruitment processes. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within UNODC (E/CN.7/2018/15-E/CN.15/2018/17).

Item 4 will be considered at the joint meetings with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs pursuant to Council decision 2011/259.

### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2018/3/Add.1-E/CN.15/2018/3/Add.1)

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2018/14-E/CN.15/2018/16)

Report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2018/15-E/CN.15/2018/17)

Note by the Secretariat on the draft annual programme implementation plan for 2020 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2018/CRP.11-E/CN.15/2018/CRP.8)

### **9. 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**

Under agenda item 9, the Commission may wish to review the progress made in the preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and consider outstanding organizational and substantive arrangements, if any, that need to be addressed.

### **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 twenty-seventh session, in May 2018, when the Commission considered its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, it was highlighted that the Commission was the leading policymaking body in the United Nations system on crime prevention and criminal justice issues and, as such, could play an important role with regard to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the monitoring of progress therein. Also at that session, the Commission recommended to the Economic and Social Council the approval of a revised draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly, entitled “Enhancing the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (draft resolution I, [E/RES/2018/15](#)). The Commission also recommended to the Economic and Social Council the approval of a revised draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly, entitled “The rule of law, crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals” (draft resolution III, [E/RES/2018/17](#)).

On 23 July 2018, the General Assembly adopted resolution [72/305](#), entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution [68/1](#) on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”, and decided that the arrangements contained in the resolution and the annex to it are to be reviewed at the seventy-fourth session and at subsequent review cycles in conjunction with the review process of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

Pursuant to the annex to resolution [72/305](#), the Economic and Social Council should continue to strengthen its role as the central mechanism for the supervision of its subsidiary bodies and should ensure an adequate division of labour among its subsidiary bodies and harmonization and coordination of their agendas and work programmes. In addition, the Council should improve its outcomes and the outcomes of its subsidiary bodies, making them more relevant, coherent and solution-oriented.

Also pursuant to the annex to resolution [72/305](#), the General Assembly is to adopt one main theme for the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the Economic and Social Council, and the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council are to similarly adopt their own respective themes, aligned with the main theme, while continuing to address issues or a theme necessary to discharge their other functions.

With regard to the integration segment, the General Assembly decided in the same resolution that it would be held for one day immediately before the high-level political forum, and that it would discuss and consolidate all the inputs of Member States, the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders. The segment would also coordinate the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Council, promoting a clearer division of labour among them, and the policies and activities of the specialized agencies relating to the Sustainable Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals. Heads of United Nations system entities, Chairs of the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions would be invited to participate.

The General Assembly also decided in the same resolution that, while retaining its intergovernmental nature, the Economic and Social Council should seek to promote the active participation of major groups, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, youth and other relevant stakeholders and regional organizations in the activities of the Council and its functional and regional commissions, in accordance with the provisions of their respective rules of procedure and the provisions of General Assembly resolution [67/290](#) of 9 July 2013 insofar as it pertains to the meetings of the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Council.

With regard to the management segment, the General Assembly decided in the same resolution that its meetings would focus on the adoption of procedural decisions, consideration of recommendations of subsidiary bodies, as well as the introduction of reports and consideration of draft proposals submitted under relevant agenda items. Dedicated management meetings would also be held to conduct elections to fill regular and outstanding vacancies in subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and related bodies, normally in the first half and last quarter of the year. In preparing for elections by the Council, Member States should present candidates at least three working days in advance of elections.

The General Assembly also decided in the same resolution that the Economic and Social Council should strengthen its oversight and coordination role of its subsidiary bodies. It should review their work with a view to ensuring their continued relevance. It would also ensure that they produced technical and expert analysis, assessments and policy recommendations to inform the integrated view of the Council and inform efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda. It should effectively integrate the outcomes of its subsidiary bodies into its own work.

The General Assembly decided further in the same resolution that the Economic and Social Council should request its subsidiary bodies to ensure that they best support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the work of the Council. Their work

should reflect the need for an integrated and action-oriented approach to the Sustainable Development Goals. Their recommendations should build on a solid evidence-based review of progress on the 2030 Agenda and of the outcomes of conferences and summits in their respective area. They should work in an efficient, effective, transparent and inclusive manner. Each subsidiary body is to consider whether there was a continued need for annual negotiated outcomes and ensure that, when they produced such outcomes, they were effective and action-oriented and resulted in increased levels of cooperation.

The Commission may wish to use its reconvened twenty-seventh session to further consider how it can, within its mandates, best contribute to the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda and support the review of its implementation. It may also wish to discuss how it could further enhance the synergies between its work and that of the other functional commissions of the Council, with a view to making its outcomes more relevant, coherent and solution-oriented in respect of the efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda, thereby contributing to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305.

#### **11. Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission**

Under agenda item 11, the Commission may wish to consider and discuss the preparations for its twenty-eighth session, including the provisional agenda and the dates for the regular and reconvened parts of that session, as well as, inter alia, the organization of its thematic discussion at that session. In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2016/241, the prominent theme for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission, and thus the topic of the thematic discussion to be held at that session, will be “The responsibility of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems in preventing and countering crime motivated by intolerance or discrimination of any kind”.

#### **12. Other business**

No issues that need to be raised under agenda item 12 have been brought to the attention of the Secretariat.

#### **13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-seventh session**

Under item 13, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its reconvened twenty-seventh session.

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#### *Opening of the twenty-eighth 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 Economic and Social 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 twenty-seventh session, on 7 December 2018, its twenty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur for that session.

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

<i>Chair:</i>	Eastern European States
<i>First Vice-Chair:</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States
<i>Second Vice-Chair:</i>	Western European and other States
<i>Third Vice-Chair:</i>	Asia-Pacific States
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	African 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 State holding 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 the 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 Thursday, 6 December, and 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday, 7 December 2018.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Thursday, 6 December	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		Opening of the reconvened twenty-seventh session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
		1	Election of officers ( <i>continued</i> )
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters ( <i>continued</i> )
	3–6 p.m.	4	Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions ( <i>continued</i> ) ( <i>joint meeting</i> )
		4	Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions ( <i>continued</i> ) ( <i>joint meeting</i> )
Friday, 7 December	3–6 p.m.	9	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
		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 ( <i>continued</i> )
		11	Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission ( <i>continued</i> )
		12	Other business ( <i>continued</i> )
		13	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its reconvened twenty-seventh session