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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 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-eighth session, on 13 December 2019, opened its twenty-ninth 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 offices of the First Vice-Chair and the Third Vice-Chair remained vacant. The Commission is expected to elect the First Vice-Chair and the 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-ninth session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

Office	Regional group	Officer
Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Jose Antonio Marcondes De Carvalho (Brazil)
First Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	To be elected
Second Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Khojesta Fana Ebrahimkhel (Afghanistan)
Third Vice-Chair	African States	To be elected
Rapporteur	Eastern European States	Ivan Gospodinov (Bulgaria)

2/15 V 20-01196 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 2019/223, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its twenty-eighth session and approved the provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth 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-ninth session. The proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

As agreed by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-eighth session, in December 2019, the twenty-ninth session of the Commission will be held from 18 to 22 May 2020, with pre-session informal consultations to be held on 15 May 2020, 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 the reconvened twenty-eighth session, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission at its twenty-ninth session is Thursday, 30 April 2020, at 12 noon, considering that the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will end on 27 April 2020 and in order to give Member States ample time to prepare the draft resolutions and take into account the outcome of the Fourteenth Congress.

As noted by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-eighth 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-ninth session, as was done in previous years, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals. It will be chaired by a member of the Bureau. The theme of the workshop will be related to the prominent theme of the twenty-ninth session of the Commission.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/259, the Commission will hold its reconvened twenty-ninth session concurrently with the reconvened sixty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on 3 and 4 December 2020.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.15/2020/1)

3. General debate

At its twenty-eighth session, the Commission decided to include a general debate in its agenda.

The list of the speakers for the general debate will be opened on 30 April 2020 and closed on 13 May 2020. For the purpose of finalizing the list of speakers, only a distinction between cabinet-rank ministers and other speakers will be made. The list of speakers for those two groups will be established on a first-come, first-served basis.

Regarding the duration of statements, the practice followed at the twenty-eighth session of the Commission shall apply, i.e., a maximum of five minutes of speaking

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time (which is equivalent to a statement of approximately 500 words) will be allotted to those speaking in their national capacity, and seven minutes will be allotted to the Chairs of the regional groups.

- 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

For its consideration of item 4, 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.7/2020/2-E/CN.15/2020/2), which contains an overview of the activities of the Office during 2019 to effectively address and counter the world drug problem (including measures in the areas of demand reduction, including prevention and treatment; availability of and access to controlled substances; supply reduction; drugs and human rights, youth, children, women and communities; evolving reality, trends and existing circumstances, emerging and persistent challenges and threats; strengthening international cooperation; and alternative development) and to effectively address crime (including measures in the areas of countering transnational organized crime under the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, including trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants, trafficking in firearms, money-laundering and other related organized crime issues; countering corruption; preventing terrorism; and crime prevention and criminal justice), as well as activities in the area of data collection research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support and activities aimed at strengthening UNODC (including measures relating to strategic planning; evaluation; and finance and partnerships).

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 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 Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3.

At its twenty-ninth session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2020/3-E/CN.15/2020/3).

At its reconvened twenty-eighth session, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice adopted resolution 28/4, entitled "Budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund".

At the same session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2019/14-E/CN.15/2019/16) and the draft proposed programme plan for 2021 and performance information for 2019 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2019/CRP.13-E/CN.15/2019/CRP.9). The draft proposed programme plan for 2021 and performance information for 2019 were subsequently transmitted to the Office of Programme

Planning, Finance and Budget at United Nations Headquarters (see E/CN.7/2020/13-E/CN.15/2020/15).

At its reconvened twenty-eighth session, the Commission also considered the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within UNODC (E/CN.7/2019/15-E/CN.15/2019/17).

At its twenty-ninth session, the Commission may wish to continue to discuss 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 24/3, 25/4, 26/5, 27/7 and 28/4.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2020/2-E/CN.15/2020/2)

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.7/2020/3-E/CN.15/2020/3)

Note by the Secretariat on the draft proposed programme plan for 2021 and performance information for 2019 (E/CN.7/2020/13-E/CN.15/2020/15)

5. Thematic discussion on effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2016/241, the prominent theme for the twenty-ninth session of the Commission is "Effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children".

At its reconvened twenty-eighth session, the Commission endorsed the Chair's proposal to maintain the overall theme, as contained in Economic and Social Council decision 2016/241, without sub-themes.

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.15/2020/6).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion (E/CN.15/2020/6)

- 6. Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by 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 74/177, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity", the General Assembly reaffirmed that the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto represented the most important tools of the international community for fighting transnational organized crime, including cybercrime, and noted with appreciation that the number of States parties to the Convention had reached 190, 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.

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In the same resolution, the Assembly welcomed the adoption of resolution 9/1, entitled "Establishment of the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto", at the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, held in Vienna from 15 to 19 October 2018, and urged States parties to implement and support the Mechanism.

Also in resolution 74/177, the Assembly encouraged States parties to the Organized Crime Convention to submit case law, legislation and other relevant responses to the knowledge management portal known as Sharing Electronic Resources and Laws on Crime (SHERLOC).

Information on the implementation of Assembly resolution 74/177 will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2020/4).

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

In its resolution 74/177, 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 186, which was a significant indication of the commitment shown by the international community to combating corruption and related crimes.

In the same resolution, the Assembly urged Member States, in cooperation with the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and with the support of relevant international organizations, as appropriate, to develop national, subregional, regional and international strategies and other necessary measures, including the establishment, in accordance with domestic legislation, of designated central and competent authorities and effective points of contact dedicated to facilitating the procedures related to international cooperation, including for extradition and 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 74/206, entitled "Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development", the Assembly encouraged countries and relevant multilateral and international organizations to continue their efforts to provide, upon request, technical assistance and capacity-building assistance to developing countries in order to improve their capacity to prevent, detect and combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development. It also emphasized the importance of the ongoing efforts of UNODC, in coordination with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other institutions, to develop a methodology to produce estimates of the total value of inward and outward illicit financial flows.

Information on the implementation of Assembly resolutions 74/206 and 74/177 will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2020/4).

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

In its resolution 74/194, entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism", the General 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, fifth and sixth 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 the same resolution, the Assembly urged all States that had not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the relevant conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism and called upon all States to enact, as appropriate, the national legislation necessary to implement the provisions of those conventions and protocols and to cooperate with and provide support and assistance to other States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to that end.

Furthermore, in its resolution 74/194, the 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.

In its resolution 74/175, entitled "Technical assistance provided by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime related to counter-terrorism", the Assembly called upon UNODC to further enhance technical assistance, upon request, for building the capacity of Member States to become party to and implement the international conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism, including through targeted programmes and the training of relevant criminal justice and law enforcement officials, upon request, to develop their capacity to effectively respond to, prevent, investigate and prosecute terrorist acts and their financing, the development of and participation in relevant initiatives and the development of technical tools and publications, within its mandate and in close consultation with Member States.

In the same resolution, the Assembly requested UNODC, within its mandate, to strengthen the provision of technical assistance to Member States, upon request, related to collecting, analysing, preserving, storing, using and sharing forensic and electronic evidence for the investigation and prosecution of terrorism and terrorism-related offences and related to enhancing mutual legal assistance in that regard.

Furthermore, in its resolution 74/175, the Assembly urged UNODC, in coordination with other United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities, to continue to strengthen its cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations and arrangements in the delivery of technical assistance.

Information on the implementation of Assembly resolutions 74/175 and 74/194 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.15/2020/5).

(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters

In its resolution 74/176, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons", the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the Organized Crime Convention, taking into consideration the central role of those instruments in the fight against trafficking in persons, and urged States parties to those instruments to implement them fully and effectively. It also encouraged UNODC to cooperate with relevant international organizations outside the United Nations system and to invite such organizations and interested Member States to participate, when appropriate, in the meetings of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons and to keep Member States informed of the schedule of and the progress made by the Coordination Group.

Information on the implementation of those mandates will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2020/4).

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In its resolution 74/173, entitled "Promoting technical assistance and capacity-building to strengthen national measures and international cooperation to combat cybercrime, including information-sharing", the General Assembly encouraged Member States to endeavour to provide appropriate technical assistance and sustainable capacity-building to strengthen the ability of national authorities to deal with cybercrime and to continue exchanging views on practical experiences and other technical aspects in that regard. It also requested UNODC to continue to periodically collect information on new developments, progress made and best practices identified and to periodically report that information to the Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime and the Commission.

Information on the implementation of resolution 74/173 will be included in report of the Secretary-General on promoting technical assistance and capacity-building to strengthen national measures and international cooperation to combat cybercrime, including information-sharing (E/CN.15/2020/12).

In its resolution 2019/23, entitled "Combating transnational organized crime and its links to illicit trafficking in precious metals and illegal mining, including by enhancing the security of supply chains of precious metals", the Economic and Social Council encouraged Member States to enhance international cooperation, information-sharing and exchanges of best practices among law enforcement and judicial authorities, in accordance with their domestic legal frameworks and international obligations, in preventing and combating illicit trafficking in precious metals and illegal mining. It also invited UNODC to continue to provide, upon request, technical assistance to Member States and encouraged UNODC, the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other relevant international and regional organizations to closely coordinate their activities and enhance their cooperation in supporting Member States in their efforts to combat illicit trafficking in precious metals and illegal mining.

Information on the implementation of resolution 2019/23 is expected to be provided orally.

In its resolution 28/2, entitled "Countering the smuggling of commercial goods in cases falling within the scope of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime", the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice urged States parties to consider using the international cooperation provisions of the Organized Crime Convention and the Convention against Corruption, in applicable and appropriate cases, to investigate and prosecute the smuggling of commercial goods. It also invited Member States to provide their views and inputs on how the Commission could contribute to addressing the smuggling of commercial goods as a form of transnational organized crime.

Information on the implementation of resolution 28/2 will be included in the conference room paper containing views and inputs on how the Commission can contribute to addressing the smuggling of commercial goods as a form of transnational organized crime (E/CN.15/2020/CRP.1).

(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 will be made available to the Commission (E/CN.15/2020/8).

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.15/2020/7).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2020/2-E/CN.15/2020/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2020/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism (E/CN.15/2020/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2020/7)

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.15/2020/8)

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting technical assistance and capacity-building to strengthen national measures and international cooperation to combat cybercrime, including information-sharing (E/CN.15/2020/12)

Conference room paper containing views and inputs on how the Commission can contribute to addressing the smuggling of commercial goods as a form of transnational organized crime (E/CN.15/2020/CRP.1)

7. 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 74/170, entitled "Integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice strategies", the General Assembly requested UNODC to convene an expert group meeting, in close coordination with Member States and in collaboration with all relevant United Nations entities, to examine effective ways and means of integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice, taking into account the relevant United Nations action plans, standards and norms, with a view to analysing and compiling a set of best practices that cater to various stakeholders and enhance system-wide coordination.

In its resolution 74/177, the 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, handbooks and capacity-building material developed and published by UNODC. This message was reiterated by the Commission in its resolution 28/1, entitled "Strengthening the engagement of all members of society in crime prevention".

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.15/2020/9).

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Report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2020/9)

8. 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 74/177, the 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 and in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals, taking into account the need to make the best possible use of existing resources. In the same resolution, the Assembly reiterated its invitation to Member States to gradually adopt 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, timely 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.

The Commission will have before it the note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2020/10).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2020/2-E/CN.15/2020/2)

Note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2020/10)

9. Follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

In its resolution 73/184, the General Assembly decided to hold the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Kyoto, Japan, from 20 to 27 April 2020, with pre-Congress consultations to be held on 19 April 2020.

In its resolution 74/171, the Assembly requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in accordance with its resolution 73/184, to begin to prepare, at intersessional meetings to be held well in advance of the Fourteenth Congress, a structured, short and concise draft declaration with a robust overarching political message addressing the main topics to be discussed at the Congress, taking into account the outcomes of the regional preparatory meetings, consultations with relevant organizations and entities and the relevant discussions held in preparation for the Congress, as well as the mandate and objectives of the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice. In the same resolution, the Assembly invited Member States to send representatives to the Fourteenth Congress of the highest appropriate level. The Assembly also requested the Commission to give high priority at its twenty-ninth session to considering the declaration of the Fourteenth Congress,

with a view to recommending, through the Economic and Social Council, appropriate follow-up by the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session.

The Commission will also have before it a note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcome of the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2020/11).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcome of the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2020/11)

10. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 72/305, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

At its twenty-fourth session, in May 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 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.

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 its resolution 72/305 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, the Assembly requested the Council to improve its outcomes and the outcomes of its subsidiary bodies, making them more relevant, coherent and solution-oriented to address implementation challenges and ensuring their follow-up so as to strengthen the impact of the work of the Council.

The Commission has been considering specific action points for the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, stemming from the annex to Assembly resolution 72/305, that were brought to the attention of the Commission at its reconvened twenty-seventh session in the form of a conference room paper (E/CN.7/2018/CRP.15-E/CN.15/2018/CRP.9).

The Commission may wish to use its twenty-ninth 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 Council.

11. Provisional agenda for the thirtieth 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 thirtieth session.

12. Other business

No issues to be raised under item 12 have come to the attention of the Secretariat.

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13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-ninth session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its twenty-ninth session on 22 May 2020, 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. 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.
- 2. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 18 May, to the morning of Friday, 22 May 2020. A workshop relating to the theme of the thematic discussion ("Effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children"), organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to be chaired by a member of the Bureau, will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 18 May, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals.
- 3. The Commission, at its reconvened twenty-eighth session, decided that informal pre-session consultations would be held on Friday, 15 May 2020. 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-ninth 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-ninth session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible but not after 12 noon on Thursday, 30 April 2020. To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions be submitted to the Secretariat in electronic form.
- 5. Allotted speaking times of five minutes must be strictly adhered to during the twenty-ninth session.

Informal pre-session consultations, 15 May 2020

Plenary

Friday, 15 May 2020

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

Twenty-ninth session, 18-22 May 2020

Date and time

Monday, 18 May	
10 a.m1 p.m.	Opening of the session
	Item 1. Election of officers
	Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 3. General debate

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3–6 p.m.	Item 3. General debate (continued)	Workshop organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network relating to the topic of the thematic discussion	
Tuesday, 19 May			
10 a.m1 p.m.	Item 5. Thematic discussion on effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children	Consideration of draft resolutions	
3–6 p.m.	Item 5. Thematic discussion (continued)	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)	
Wednesday, 20 Ma	ay		
10 a.m1 p.m.	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 (UNODC)	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)	
	(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.	Item 6. Integration and coordination of efforts by UNODC and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)	
	(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		

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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	
Thursday, 21 May		
10 a.m1 p.m.	Item 7. Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)
	Item 8. World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice	
3–6 p.m.	Item 9. Follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)
Friday, 22 May		
10 a.m1 p.m.	Item 10. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 72/305, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)
	Item 11. Provisional agenda for the thirtieth session of the Commission	
3–6 p.m.	Item 12. Other business	
	Item 13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-ninth session	

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