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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 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.

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

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.

The twenty-ninth session of the Commission, originally scheduled to take place from 18 to 22 May 2020 in Vienna, was postponed owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation. In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2020/230 of 22 July, a scaled-down session will be held on 3 December, to be followed immediately by the reconvened session of the Commission.

The regular twenty-ninth session will consider only those items that require urgent attention and will consist of the following items: opening of the session, election of officers, adoption of the agenda and closing of the session.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2020/230, the items that were contained in the provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session ([E/CN.15/2020/1](#)), as laid out in Council decision 2019/223, but will not be dealt with during the twenty-ninth session (including the 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) will be included in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session of the Commission, which is scheduled to take place from 17 to 21 May 2021.

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 3, 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 ([E/CN.15/2020/1/Add.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**

As mentioned above, the agenda item on strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions will be considered at the joint meetings with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/259.

For its consideration of item 3, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of 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 and to effectively address crime, as well as activities in the area of research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support and activities aimed at strengthening UNODC.

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

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.

In this regard, at its reconvened twenty-ninth session, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is expected, together with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its sixty-third session, to discuss the extension of the fifth mandate of the working group. The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will have before it a statement by the Co-Chairs of the working group containing salient issues for its future work.

In its resolution 26/1, the Commission 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 gender balance and geographical representation, and 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.7/2020/3/Add.1-E/CN.15/2020/3/Add.1](#)).

Budgetary issues

In its resolution 28/4, the Commission requested UNODC to present in writing, through the working group, to the Commission at its next reconvened session the following: (a) a comprehensive overview of the current use and allocation of programme support costs, and proposals to more flexibly and effectively use programme support costs at headquarters, in particular for normative and substantive functions in support of programmatic work, and in the field, as appropriate; (b) information on its efforts to implement the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution [72/266 B](#), on shifting the management paradigm, and an action plan; and (c) proposals on how to address the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([E/CN.7/2019/16-E/CN.15/2019/18](#)), as applicable and subject to the provisions of Commission resolution 28/4 and relevant General Assembly resolutions.

At its reconvened twenty-ninth session, the Commission will also have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2020/16-E/CN.15/2020/16](#)).

The Commission will also consider the draft proposed programme plan for 2021 and performance information for 2019 ([E/CN.7/2020/13-E/CN.15/2020/15](#)) and the draft proposed programme plan for 2022 and performance information for 2020 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2020/CRP.20-E/CN.15/2020/CRP.1](#)).

Policy issues

In its resolution 28/4, the Commission requested the Executive Director to present, before its reconvened session in 2020, a revised longer-term vision or strategy for UNODC, including its headquarters and a strengthened and sustainable field network, as well as information on the financial implications of that vision or strategy and on potential reallocations to address those implications, taking into account the relevant recommendations emanating from the strategic evaluations carried out by the Independent Evaluation Unit of the Office and from management responses. The

revised longer-term vision or strategy for the Office will be brought to the attention of the Commission as a conference room paper (E/CN.7/2020/CRP.22-E/CN.15/2020/CRP.3).

The Commission, in the same resolution, requested the Executive Director to report to its next reconvened session on the involvement of the Office in the implementation of United Nations development system reform, including in terms of enhanced synergies and effectiveness, achievements, challenges, cost savings and benefits.

Also in the same resolution, the Commission requested UNODC to continue to mainstream a gender perspective into the development, implementation and evaluation of its programmes, policies, practices and strategies, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session.

Human resources issues

In its resolution 28/4, the Commission also requested UNODC, in line with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, to enhance its efforts, with a sense of urgency, to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular within the Professional and higher categories, including for field representatives, by, inter alia, intensifying its outreach efforts, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session. In the same resolution, 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 the Office, disaggregated data on the composition of staff by geographical area and gender, including the staff of the Division for Management and locally recruited staff, as well as updates on measures taken to improve the geographical distribution of, and ensure gender parity among, its staff, including a description of its internal and external recruitment processes, such as measures in place to ensure transparency.

At its reconvened twenty-ninth session, 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.7/2020/17-E/CN.15/2020/17](#)).

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](#) and [E/CN.7/2020/3/Add.1-E/CN.15/2020/3/Add.1](#))

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](#))

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2020/16-E/CN.15/2020/16](#))

Report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2020/17-E/CN.15/2020/17](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the draft proposed programme plan for 2022 and performance information for 2020 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2020/CRP.20-E/CN.15/2020/CRP.1](#))

Note by the Secretariat containing a revised longer-term vision or strategy for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including its headquarters and a

strengthened and sustainable field network (E/CN.7/2020/CRP.22-E/CN.15/2020/CRP.3)

4. Preparations for 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.

Having noted with concern the situation concerning COVID-19, the Assembly decided, in its decision 74/550 of 13 April 2020, at the recommendation of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which acts as the preparatory body for the Crime Congress, to postpone the holding of the Fourteenth Congress.

Subsequently, in its decision 74/550 B of 12 August 2020, at the recommendation of the Commission, the Assembly decided to hold the Fourteenth Congress in Kyoto, Japan, from 7 to 12 March 2021, with pre-Congress consultations to be held on 6 March 2021.

In its resolution [74/171](#), the Assembly welcomed the plan for the documentation for the Fourteenth Congress, prepared in consultation with the extended Bureau of the Commission, and the appointment of a Secretary-General and an Executive Secretary of the Congress, who will perform their functions under the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice.

Furthermore, in the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Commission, 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. The reconvened twenty-ninth session will provide an opportunity to take stock of the status of the work on the draft declaration.

In the light of the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the format of the Fourteenth Congress, the reconvened session will also need to consider a number of procedural and organizational issues relating to the conduct of the Congress.

The reconvened session will also provide an opportunity for Member States to express formal interest in hosting the Fifteenth Congress, scheduled to take place in 2025.

5. 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.

As in previous years, the Commission submitted substantive input¹ to the 2020 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council from 7 to 16 July 2020, and contributed to the integration segment of the 2020 session of the Council, held on 6 July 2020, immediately before the high-level political forum.

In its resolution [74/298](#), the General Assembly decided to conduct the review of 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, during its seventy-fifth session.

In the same resolution, the Assembly decided that the thematic focus of the Economic and Social Council for its 2021 session and the 2021 high-level political forum would be “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”. The following Goals will be reviewed in depth at the high-level political forum: 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17.

The Assembly also decided that the review would take into account the different and particular impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across all Sustainable Development Goals, consider progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda in its entirety and address the interlinkages between Goals.

The Commission may wish to use its reconvened 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, in line with the thematic focus of the 2021 high-level political forum for sustainable development, within its mandates, as well as how to further enhance synergies between its work and that of other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, with a view to making its outcomes more relevant, coherent and solution-oriented in respect of efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda, thereby contributing to the implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/305](#).

6. Provisional agenda for the thirtieth session of the Commission

Under agenda item 6, the Commission may wish to consider and discuss the preparations for its thirtieth session, including the provisional agenda and the dates for the regular and reconvened parts of that session.

As mentioned above, and pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2020/230, the items that were contained in the provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session ([E/CN.15/2020/1](#)), as laid out in Council decision 2019/223, but will not be dealt with during the twenty-ninth session (including the 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

¹ Available at https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/25941CCPCJ_HLPF_2020.pdf.

unaccompanied migrant children) will be included in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session of the Commission, scheduled to take place from 17 to 21 May 2021.

7. Other business

No issues to be raised under item 7 have come to the attention of the Secretariat.

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

Under item 8, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its twenty-ninth session.

Opening of the thirtieth 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-ninth session, on 4 December 2020, its thirtieth 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 thirtieth session will be from the regional groups as follows:

<i>Chair:</i>	Western European and other States
<i>First Vice-Chair:</i>	Asia-Pacific States
<i>Second Vice-Chair:</i>	African States
<i>Third Vice-Chair:</i>	Eastern European States
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Latin American and Caribbean 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

1. The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. 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 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, 3 December, and from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, 4 December 2020.

2. It is difficult to anticipate at this stage how the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation will affect the format of the meetings. The Commission will continue to discuss and explore, through its extended Bureau, the possible modalities for the conduct of the December meeting on the basis of further developments with regard to the COVID-19 situation, also bearing in mind the relevant guidance received from the Crisis Management Team at the Vienna International Centre.

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Scaled-down regular twenty-ninth session			
Thursday, 3 December	11 a.m.– 1 p.m.		Opening of the regular twenty-ninth session of the Commission
		1	Election of officers
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
			Closing of the regular twenty-ninth session of the Commission
Reconvened twenty-ninth session			
	11 a.m.– 1 p.m.		Opening of the reconvened twenty-ninth session of the Commission
		3	Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (joint meeting)
	3–5 p.m.	3	Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (joint meeting) (continued)
Friday, 4 December	3–5 p.m.	4	Preparations for 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
		5	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
		6	Provisional agenda for the thirtieth session of the Commission
		7	Other business
		8	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-ninth session