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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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  - (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation.
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## **Annotations**

### **1. Election of officers**

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs 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 preparations for the regular as well as the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

In accordance with section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened fifty-fifth session, on 7 December 2012, opened its fifty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing its

bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers of the Commission at its fifty-sixth session and their respective regional groups are as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
<i>Chair</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States	Antonio García Revilla (Peru)
<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	African States	Abdelrahman Shamaa (Egypt)
<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	Asia-Pacific States	Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol (Thailand)
<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	Eastern European States	Simona Marin (Romania)
<i>Rapporteur</i>	Western European and other States	Mark Rutgers van der Loeff (Netherlands)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39 and established practice, 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 assists the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the officers, constitutes the extended Bureau foreseen in Council resolution 1991/39.

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

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the normative functions of the Commission should be made distinct from its role as the governing body of the drug programme of UNODC and that, to that end, the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments, as follows:

(a) A normative segment, during which the Commission would discharge its treaty-based and normative functions, including mandates received from the General Assembly and the Council, and deal with emerging drug control issues;

(b) An operational segment, during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the drug programme of the Office and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Office.

The provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission has been structured to comply with Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30.

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 2012/241, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session and approved the provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission.

At its reconvened fifty-fifth session, held on 6 and 7 December 2012, the Commission noted the recommendation of the extended Bureau and of the intersessional meeting held on 2 October 2012 that the Commission's fifty-sixth session should be held from 11 to 15 March 2013 and that informal consultations on, inter alia, draft resolutions to be considered at its fifty-sixth session, as well as the draft provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission, should be held on Friday, 8 March 2013, prior to the commencement of the session of the Commission. At that session, the Commission also took note of the decision made at the intersessional meeting of 2 October 2012 that the formal deadline for the submission of draft resolutions to be considered at the fifty-sixth session would be three weeks prior to the commencement of the session, i.e. Monday, 18 February 2013, at 12 noon.

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

### **Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.7/2013/1)

### **Operational segment**

- 3. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions**
  - (a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives**
  - (b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
  - (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
  - (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions**

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments, including an operational segment during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the drug programme of UNODC and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Office.

For its consideration of item 3, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/3-E/CN.15/2013/3), which contains an overview of the Office's activities during 2012, inter alia, in the areas of countering transnational organized crime and illicit drug trafficking; drug prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration; prevention and treatment of drug-related HIV/AIDS; alternative development; and research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support. The report also contains information on the implementation of Commission resolution 55/1, entitled "Promoting international cooperation in responding to the challenges posed by new psychoactive substances", resolution 55/9, entitled "Follow-up on measures to support African States in their

efforts to combat the world drug problem”, resolution 55/10, entitled “Promoting evidence-based drug prevention strategies and policies”, resolution 54/12, entitled “Revitalization of the principle of common and shared responsibility in countering the world drug problem”, and resolution 54/15, entitled “Promotion of international cooperation to assist the States most affected by the transit of drugs”.

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”, decided to renew 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 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 2013, at which time the Commission would carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission resolution 52/13.

At its fifty-sixth 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 2012-2013 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/6-E/CN.15/2013/6) and, for its approval, any revised estimates for the general-purpose funds budget for the biennium 2012-2013 contained therein.

The proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 for programme 13 (A/67/6 (Prog. 13)), comprising the biennial programme plan and an outline of the plan, was considered by the Commission at its fifty-fifth session. The proposed biennial programme plan was reviewed by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fiftieth session. The General Assembly considered the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 at its sixty-seventh session and adopted it in its resolution 67/236, entitled “Programme planning”.

At its reconvened fifty-sixth session, on 12 and 13 December 2013, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for UNODC and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for UNODC.

### **Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2013/3-E/CN.15/2013/3)

Report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2013/6-E/CN.15/2013/6)

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.7/2013/7-E/CN.15/2013/7)

## Normative segment

### 4. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

Under item 4, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

#### (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances

In accordance with the provisions of article 2, paragraphs 5 and 6, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, the Commission will examine a recommendation by the World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Committee on Drug Dependence at its thirty-fifth meeting to the effect that *gamma*-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) should be moved from Schedule IV to Schedule II of the 1971 Convention.

Pursuant to article 2, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention, the Director-General of the WHO submitted that recommendation to the Secretary-General in her correspondence dated 22 October 2012. The Director-General's correspondence further mentioned that, following the request from the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fiftieth session, in March 2007, that WHO reconsider its recommendation to move dronabinol and its stereoisomers from Schedule II to Schedule III of the 1971 Convention, the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence had discussed whether it should revisit its recommendation on dronabinol. As the Committee was unaware of any new evidence that was likely to materially alter the scheduling recommendation made at its thirty-fourth meeting, it had decided that the decision to move dronabinol and its stereoisomers from Schedule II to Schedule III of the 1971 Convention should stand. In Commission decision 50/2, entitled "Review of dronabinol and its stereoisomers", the Commission had decided by consensus: (a) not to vote on the recommendation of WHO to transfer dronabinol and its stereoisomers from Schedule II to Schedule III of the Convention and; (b) to request WHO, in consultation with the International Narcotics Control Board, as appropriate, to undertake, for consideration by the Commission, a review of dronabinol and its stereoisomers when additional information became available.

Pursuant to article 2, paragraph 2, of the 1971 Convention, the Secretary-General transmitted to all Governments notes verbales dated 9 November 2012 and 27 December 2012, annexing the notification and the information submitted by WHO in support of the recommendation to reschedule GHB from Schedule IV to Schedule II of the 1971 Convention.

With respect to the recommendation regarding the rescheduling of GHB under the 1971 Convention, the attention of the Commission is drawn to the fact that, in accordance with the provisions of article 17, paragraph 2, of that Convention, the decision of the Commission provided for in articles 2 and 3 should be taken by a two-thirds majority of the total members of the Commission irrespective of how many members may be present or participating in the vote. From a practical point of view, this means that, for a decision to be carried, an affirmative vote of at least 35 members of the Commission will be required.

The recommendation by WHO for action by the Commission and the replies received from Governments on the possible rescheduling of GHB are contained in document E/CN.7/2013/11.

No recommendation has been received pursuant to article 3 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol.

No recommendation has been received pursuant to article 12, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.

**(b) International Narcotics Control Board**

The annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board is submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the international drug control treaties. The Commission may make such comments on the report as it sees fit. In addition, article 8 of the 1961 Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, article 17 of the 1971 Convention and article 21 of the 1988 Convention authorize the Commission to call the attention of the Board to any matters that may be relevant to the functions of the Board. The report of the Board for 2012 (E/INCB/2012/1) will be before the Commission.

Article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention requires the Board to report annually to the Commission on the implementation of that article. It is suggested that the report of the Board for 2012 on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2012/4) should be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2012 (E/INCB/2012/1), in line with the recent practice of the Commission.

In its resolution 55/6, entitled “Developing an international electronic import and export authorization system for licit trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances”, the Commission encouraged Member States to provide the fullest possible financial and political support for developing, maintaining and administering an international electronic import and export authorization system for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances under international control, in accordance with the requirements of the international drug control conventions. The Commission also invited the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board, in carrying out its mandate, to administer the authorization system during the start-up phase in the current biennium, in line with the international drug control conventions, and to report orally on the progress made during the fifty-sixth session of the Commission.

**(c) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion**

In its resolution 55/1, entitled “Promoting international cooperation in responding to the challenges posed by new psychoactive substances”, the Commission requested UNODC to exchange information on new psychoactive substances, where appropriate, with relevant international organizations and global and regional cooperation frameworks, including the International Narcotics Control Board, WHO, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and the World Customs Organization. Moreover, the Commission requested UNODC to provide an update to its 2011 report entitled “Synthetic cannabinoids in herbal products”, addressing a wider range of new psychoactive substances, in addition to synthetic cannabinoids, and to take into consideration the creation of a compilation of new

psychoactive substances encountered by Member States, to serve as an early warning advisory. The Commission also requested the Executive Director of UNODC to report to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session on progress made with respect to the activities described in that resolution. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/3-E/CN.15/2013/3), which includes information on the implementation of resolution 55/1.

In its resolution 52/5, entitled “Exploration of all aspects related to the use of cannabis seeds for illicit purposes”, the Commission requested UNODC to share information regarding the health risks posed by cannabis with the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence of WHO and to conduct a global survey on cannabis seeds, starting with a market survey, and to report to the Commission on the results of that survey. The Commission also requested the Executive Director of UNODC to report to the Commission on the implementation of the resolution. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on exploration of all aspects related to the use of cannabis seeds for illicit purposes (E/CN.7/2013/10).

**(d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties**

The Commission will have before it, for information, the latest issue of the publication entitled *Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties* (ST/NAR.3/2012/1), which provides information to facilitate cooperation between competent national authorities that are empowered to issue certificates and authorizations for the import and export of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that regulate or enforce national controls over precursors and essential chemicals in accordance with the international drug control treaties. In order to facilitate electronic access to the information contained in that publication, UNODC has created an online directory, available through its website ([www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/index.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/index.html)). Access to the directory is limited to the competent national authorities and requires registration and the issuance of a password.

**Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2013/3-E/CN.15/2013/3)

Note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2013/11)

Report of the Executive Director on exploration of all aspects related to the use of cannabis seeds for illicit purposes (E/CN.7/2013/10)

*Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2012* (E/INCB/2012/1)

*Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2012 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988* (E/INCB/2012/4)

*Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties*  
(ST/NAR.3/2012/1)

- 5. Round-table discussions on progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem:**
- (a) Demand reduction and related measures**
  - (b) Supply reduction and related measures**
  - (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation**

At its fifty-fifth session, the Commission decided to hold three round-table discussions during its fifty-sixth session, which would focus on progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect.II A), in preparation for the high-level review of the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action, which will take place at the fifty-seventh session of the Commission, in 2014. During the deliberations at the fifty-fifth session, the need to specify in the intersessional period the topics for discussion by each round table and to organize the conduct of the round-table discussions with a view to making them more action-oriented was emphasized.

Following consultations conducted within regional groups, and upon the recommendation of the extended Bureau, the Commission approved at its reconvened fifty-fifth session, held on 6 and 7 December 2012, the following sub-themes:

(a) For the round table on demand reduction and related measures: “Drug prevention as a means to curb the world drug problem within the framework of a scientific evidence approach”;

(b) For the round table on supply reduction and related measures: “The importance of international cooperation, coordination and funding to promote relevant activities and programmes on all aspects of alternative development in support of the drug control regime established by the three international drug control conventions, within a broader international framework”;

(c) For the round table on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation: “The importance of further strengthening the operational implementation of treaty-based provisions on international cooperation, including for countering money-laundering and preventing the illicit cross-border movement of cash and monetary instruments”.

At its reconvened fifty-fifth session, the Commission also approved the organizational arrangements for the thematic round-table discussions at its fifty-sixth session, as reflected in the note by the Secretariat on the organization of the round-table discussions at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission (E/CN.7/2013/13).

## **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the round-table discussions at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission (E/CN.7/2013/13)

### **6. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem**

In its resolution 64/182, the General Assembly, welcoming the outcome of the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission, adopted the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (A/64/92-E/2009/98, sect.II A). In its resolution 67/193, the General Assembly reiterated its call upon States to take, in a timely manner, the measures necessary to implement the actions and attain the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem.

In its resolution 54/12, entitled “Revitalization of the principle of common and shared responsibility in countering the world drug problem”, the Commission requested UNODC to continue facilitating the exchange of experiences and good practices among Member States with respect to strategies to reduce illicit drug supply and demand and drug trafficking and with respect to the necessary international cooperation to promote technical assistance projects aimed at addressing the world drug problem effectively. The Commission also requested UNODC to submit to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the resolution. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/3-E/CN.15/2013/3), which includes information on the implementation of resolution 54/12. The Commission’s attention is also drawn to the Chair’s summary of the round-table discussions on the topic “Counter-narcotics efforts and the principle of common and shared responsibility: opportunities and challenges”, held at the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, which is contained in the report on that session (E/2012/28-E/CN.7/2012/18).

#### **(a) Demand reduction and related measures**

In its resolution 53/16, the Commission requested the Executive Director to continue to submit to the Commission the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs, in accordance with the reporting mandates of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse is contained in document E/CN.7/2013/2.

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, entitled “Promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS”, UNODC transmitted to the secretariat of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) the report on the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, which contains relevant resolutions. Also pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, relevant decisions of the Programme

Coordinating Board of UNAIDS are transmitted to the Commission in document E/CN.7/2013/9.

In its resolution 55/10, entitled “Promoting evidence-based drug prevention strategies and policies”, the Commission urged UNODC to continue gathering information on national and international experiences and best practices, to make available information on evidence-based prevention activities and instruments and to provide States with guidance and assistance in developing strategies and programmes to incorporate those successful experiences, upon request and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources. The Commission also requested the Executive Director of UNODC to report to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session on the measures taken and on progress achieved in the implementation of that resolution. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/3-E/CN.15/2013/3), which contains information on the implementation of resolution 55/10.

In its resolution 55/12, entitled “Alternatives to imprisonment for certain offences as demand reduction strategies that promote public health and public safety”, the Commission requested UNODC to provide Member States, upon request, with guidance, tools and assistance in developing evidence-based alternative approaches to prosecution and imprisonment for drug-using offenders. Moreover, the Commission requested UNODC to make information on alternative approaches to prosecution and imprisonment for drug-using offenders, including results of research on promising initiatives for public health and public safety, available to Member States, international organizations and donors. The Commission also requested the Executive Director of UNODC to report to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session on the measures taken and on the progress achieved in the implementation of that resolution. The preparation of the report, however, was not possible, as extrabudgetary resources for that purpose had not become available.

**(b) Supply reduction and related measures**

For the consideration of item 6 (b), the Commission will have before it the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2013/4), which includes information on the implementation of resolution 53/16, in which the Commission requested the Executive Director to continue to submit to it the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs.

In its resolution 55/4, entitled “Follow-up on the proposal to organize an international workshop and conference on alternative development”, the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to report to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session on the outcome of the International Conference on Alternative Development, to held in Peru, and the international guiding principles on alternative development, including the deliberations and recommendations of the Conference. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the outcome of the high-level International Conference on Alternative Development (E/CN.7/2013/8).

In its resolution 55/9, entitled “Follow-up on measures to support African States in their efforts to combat the world drug problem”, the Commission encouraged UNODC and other partners, as well as the intergovernmental regional bodies, to

continue their work in countering drug trafficking and organized crime, in particular the activities aimed at enhancing the capacity of the national agencies of Member States. The Commission also invited UNODC to continue to provide technical assistance, upon request, to support African States so as to achieve effective implementation of the provisions of the three international drug control conventions, as well as the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, including strengthening their legal systems, enhancing the analytical work of laboratories and developing indicators and instruments for the collection and analysis of accurate, reliable and comparable data on all aspects of the drug problem in the region. Furthermore, the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to report to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of that resolution. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/3-E/CN.15/2013/3), which includes information on the implementation of the resolution.

In its resolution 55/11, entitled “Follow-up to the Third Ministerial Conference of the Paris Pact Partners on Combating Illicit Traffic in Opiates Originating in Afghanistan”, the Commission requested UNODC to continue to cooperate with Member States in identifying and meeting the needs for technical assistance, including in the priority areas mentioned in the Vienna Declaration. The Commission also requested the Executive Director of UNODC to report to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session on the measures taken and on progress achieved in the implementation of that resolution. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on follow-up to the Third Ministerial Conference of the Paris Pact Partners on Combating Illicit Traffic in Opiates Originating in Afghanistan (E/CN.7/2013/12), pursuant to resolution 55/11.

In its resolution 54/15, entitled “Promotion of international cooperation to assist the States most affected by the transit of drugs”, the Commission requested UNODC, when developing relevant regional and thematic programmes, including initiatives and national activities related to such programmes, to consider the needs of and consult with the States most affected by the transit of drugs, including through specific programme activities that meet their needs for technical and financial assistance. In addition, the Commission called upon UNODC, in providing assistance to such States, to adopt a comprehensive approach, where appropriate, that takes into consideration possible links between trafficking in drugs and the increase in drug abuse in transit States and their needs regarding the reduction and prevention of illicit drug demand, including the treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of drug-dependent persons. The Commission also requested the Executive Director of UNODC to report to the Commission, at its fifty-sixth session, on the implementation of that resolution. Information on the implementation of the resolution is contained in the report of the Executive Director on activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2013/3-E/CN.15/2013/3).

**(c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation**

On the recommendation of the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2009/248, decided that a separate agenda item on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation would be included in the provisional agenda of the Commission as from its fifty-third session, so as to reflect the thematic structure contained in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem. That decision was reflected in the provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, approved by the Council in its decision 2011/261. Under item 6 (c), Member States will have an opportunity to provide information about action taken to implement the related parts of the Political Declaration and, in particular, sections E and F of the Plan of Action.

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2013/2)

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2013/3-E/CN.15/2013/3)

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2013/4)

Report of the Executive Director on the outcome of the high-level International Conference on Alternative Development (E/CN.7/2013/8)

Note by the Secretariat on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (E/CN.7/2013/9)

Report of the Executive Director on follow-up to the Third Ministerial Conference of the Paris Pact Partners on Combating Illicit Traffic in Opiates Originating in Afghanistan (E/CN.7/2013/12)

**7. World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission**

In its resolution 61/183, the General Assembly requested UNODC to include in its report on drug trafficking an updated, objective and comprehensive assessment of worldwide trends in illicit traffic and transit in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including methods and routes used, and to recommend ways and means of improving the capacity of States along those routes to address all aspects of the drug problem. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking is contained in document E/CN.7/2013/4.

In its resolution 67/193, the General Assembly encouraged the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation. The Commission will be informed of recent trends in drug trafficking worldwide, including methods and routes used, and of the results of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies held since

the fifty-fifth session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations made at the Twenty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Accra from 25 to 29 June 2012; the Twenty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Antigua, Guatemala, from 1 to 5 October 2012; the Thirty-sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 30 October to 2 November 2012; and the forty-seventh session of the Subcommission, held in Antalya, Turkey, from 19 to 23 November 2012, with a view to taking any required follow-up action. A report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission is contained in document E/CN.7/2013/5.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2013/4)

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2013/5)

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#### **8. Preparations for the high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem**

As reflected in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, Member States decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, should conduct a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action. Under agenda item 8, the Commission should consider making definite arrangements for the high-level review, including with regard to its format, the proposed organization of work and the preparatory process in the intersessional period leading up to the fifty-seventh session.

In addition, as noted by the Commission at its reconvened fifty-fifth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/193, decided to convene in early 2016 a special session of the Assembly on the world drug problem, following the high-level review of the progress made in the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, which will be conducted by the Commission at its fifty-seventh session, in March 2014. At its fifty-sixth session the Commission should consider that decision and recommend appropriate follow-up through the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

#### **9. Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission**

Under agenda item 9, the Commission should devote time to the consideration of any further enhancements that it may deem appropriate to the provisional agenda for its fifty-seventh and subsequent sessions. The Commission should also continue its

review of its methods of work with a view to making any necessary adjustments and enhancements that it may deem appropriate, including with regard to arrangements for the duration of its sessions held in the first half of each year, deadlines for draft resolutions to be considered at its sessions held in the first half of each year and the content and length of its reports, taking into consideration its decision 55/1, entitled “Organization of work for the future sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs”, adopted by the Commission at its reconvened fifty-fifth session, in December 2012.

**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 fifty-sixth session**

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on the first part of its fifty-sixth session on the afternoon of 15 March 2013, the last day of that part of the session.

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

1. In its resolution 1991/39, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should establish a committee, the membership of which should be open to all States members of the Commission, to perform such functions as requested by the Commission in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work.
2. Since its forty-ninth session, in 2006, with the exception of its fifty-second session, in 2009, the Commission has held informal pre-session consultations to consider draft resolutions submitted in advance of the session with a view to expediting and facilitating the work of the Committee of the Whole. In accordance with this practice, the Commission, at its reconvened fifty-fifth session, held on 6 and 7 December 2012, took note of the recommendation of the extended Bureau and agreed that informal consultations would be held on Friday, 8 March 2013. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, *inter alia*, a preliminary review of draft resolutions to be considered at the fifty-sixth session, made available in advance, as well as the matters highlighted under the annotations to item 9 of the provisional agenda above.
3. 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. Pursuant to Commission decision 55/1, the formal deadline for the submission of draft resolutions to be considered at the fifty-sixth session is three weeks prior to the commencement of the session, *i.e.* Monday, 18 February 2013, at 12 noon. States members of the Commission intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission are requested to submit them to the Secretariat as early as possible and by the formal deadline.
4. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 11 March, to the morning of Friday, 15 March 2013, to review draft resolutions.
5. 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., with the exception of Tuesday, 12 March 2013, when the round-table discussions are held.

## Informal pre-session consultations, 8 March 2013

*Date and time*

### Friday, 8 March

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

3-6 p.m. Informal consultations

## Fifty-sixth session, 11-15 March 2013

*Date and time*

*Plenary*

*Committee of the Whole*

### Monday, 11 March

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Opening of the session

*Item 2.* Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

*Item 3.* Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions

3-6 p.m.

*Item 3.* Policy directives to the drug programme of UNODC and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions  
(continued)

Consideration of draft resolutions

### Tuesday, 12 March

9-11 a.m.

*Plenary suspended*

*Item 5.* Round-table discussion on sub-item (a): demand reduction and related measures

Consideration of draft resolutions  
(continued)

11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.

*Item 5.* Round-table discussion on sub-item (b): supply reduction and related measures

Consideration of draft resolutions  
(continued)

3.30-5.30 p.m.

*Item 5.* Round-table discussion on sub-item (c): countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation

Consideration of draft resolutions  
(continued)

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
<b>Wednesday, 13 March</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> Implementation of the international drug control treaties (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances (b) International Narcotics Control Board (c) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion (d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 6.</i> Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (a) Demand reduction and related measures	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 14 March</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 6.</i> Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem ( <i>continued</i> ) (b) Supply reduction and related measures (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 7.</i> World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission	Consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )

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<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
<b>Friday, 15 March</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 8.</i> Preparations for the high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem	Consideration of draft resolutions <i>(continued)</i>
	<i>Item 9.</i> Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission	
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 10.</i> Other business <i>Item 11.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session	

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