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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 on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice 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; and 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 twentieth session, on 13 December 2011, opened its twenty-first session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the twenty-first session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

The nomination for the office of third Vice-Chair remained pending until January 2012, when the Latin American and Caribbean States nominated Freddy Padilla de León of Colombia for that office. The Commission is expected to elect the third Vice-Chair during its consideration of item 1 of the present provisional agenda.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
<i>Chair</i>	Asia-Pacific States	Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol (Thailand)
<i>First Vice-Chair</i>	African States	Xolisa Mfundiso Mabhongo (South Africa)
<i>Second Vice-Chair</i>	Eastern European States	Vasyl Pokotylo (Ukraine)

<i>Third Vice-Chair</i>	Latin American and Caribbean States	[to be elected]
<i>Rapporteur</i>	Western European and other States	Martin Krämer (Austria)

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 2011/257, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its twentieth session and approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-first 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-first session. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

As agreed by the extended Bureau of the Commission at its meeting on 16 September 2011 and by the Commission at its intersessional meeting on 8 November 2011, the twenty-first session of the Commission will be held from 23 to 27 April 2012, with informal consultations to be held on 20 April 2012, the working day preceding the first day of the session.

Draft resolutions should be submitted as early as possible to enable productive discussions during the pre-session consultations. The firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions for consideration at the twenty-first session of the Commission is Friday, 23 March 2012, at noon, in accordance with Council decision 2011/257, as recalled by the extended Bureau at its meeting on 16 September 2011 and by the Commission at its intersessional meeting on 8 November 2011 and at its reconvened twentieth session. Draft resolutions should be accompanied by such information as the intended scope, a proposed timetable for implementation, identification of resources available and other relevant information.

As noted by the Commission at its reconvened twentieth session, on 13 December 2011, a workshop organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network will be held in the afternoon of the first day of the twenty-first session, as was done in previous years, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals and under the chairmanship of a member of the bureau. The workshop will focus on the implementation of the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World and the contribution and support that the members of the crime prevention and criminal justice programme network could offer Member States in this area of work.

**Documentation**

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.15/2012/1)

- 3. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions**
- (a) Work of the working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
- (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme**

For its consideration of item 3, 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.7/2012/3-E/CN.15/2012/3), which contains an overview of UNODC activities during 2011 conducted in the framework of its regional and thematic programmes, including in respect of drug control; combating transnational organized crime, corruption and terrorism; criminal justice; and research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support. The report includes information on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2011/34, entitled “Support for the development and implementation of an integrated approach to programme development at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”. In that resolution, the Council requested UNODC to continue to give high priority to, and to support the implementation of, the integrated regional and thematic programme approach, including by informing the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of progress made.

Pursuant to its resolution 20/1, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the implementation of resolutions and decisions relating to crime prevention and criminal justice adopted in the period 2008-2011 in which action by UNODC was requested (E/CN.15/2012/2).

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/258, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, reaffirmed the role of the Commission as the governing body of the United Nations on matters of crime prevention and criminal justice and as the governing body of the crime programme of UNODC. The Council also reaffirmed Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 18/3, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, and decided to renew the mandate of the working group until the part of the session of the Commission to be held in the first half of 2013, at which time the Commission should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission resolution 18/3.

At its intersessional meeting on 8 November 2011, the Commission endorsed the nominations of Taous Feroukhi (Algeria) and Ignacio Baylina Ruiz (Spain) as Co-Chairs of the working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC. At its twenty-first session, the Commission will have before it

a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2012/12-E/CN.15/2012/12).

At its reconvened twentieth session, the Commission adopted resolution 20/8, entitled "Budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund", in which it approved the projected use of general-purpose funds in the biennium 2012-2013 and endorsed the programme support cost and special-purpose estimates for the bienniums 2010-2011 and 2012-2013 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund. Also at its twentieth session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2011/16-E/CN.15/2011/22). The Commission also considered and took into account the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for UNODC for the biennium 2012-2013 (E/CN.7/2011/17-E/CN.15/2011/23).

As was the case for the consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011, the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement presented in the consolidated budget for the biennium 2012-2013 had been harmonized with the subprogrammes of programme 13 of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6/Rev.1) and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 (A/66/6 (Sect.16)), taking into account the expected accomplishments identified in the draft updated strategy for UNODC for the period 2012-2015.

The strategy for UNODC for the period 2012-2015 has also guided the preparation of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 insofar as it relates to international drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice. The Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/2012/6-E/CN.15/2012/6) transmitting the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (to be issued as A/67/6 (Prog. 13)), comprising part one: plan outline and part two: biennial programme plan. The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for international drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice and provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-second session. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session when it considers the Secretary-General's proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2014-2015. The Commission will have before it the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2014-2015.

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), shall 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 of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute will be made available to the Commission (E/CN.15/2012/4).

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of resolutions and decisions relating to crime prevention and criminal justice adopted in the period 2008-2011 in which action by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime was requested (E/CN.15/2012/2)

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2012/3-E/CN.15/2012/3)

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.15/2012/4)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2014-2015 (E/CN.7/2012/6-E/CN.15/2012/6)

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.7/2012/12-E/CN.15/2012/12)

**4. Thematic discussion on the theme “Violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families”**

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decisions 2010/243 and 2011/257, the prominent theme for the twenty-first session of the Commission is “Violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families”.

At its intersessional meeting on 8 November 2011, the Commission agreed that nominations for panellists should be submitted through the Chairs of the regional groups by 23 February 2012 at the latest, in accordance with Commission decision 18/1.

At its reconvened twentieth session, the Commission took note of the following sub-themes for the thematic discussion at the twenty-first session, upon the recommendation of the extended Bureau:

- (a) Morning meeting — sub-themes related to the prevention of the problem:
  - (i) Victimization and exploitation of migrants, migrant workers and their families, where it occurs and best practices to address their vulnerabilities, taking into account the special needs of migrant women and children;
  - (ii) Improvements in reporting and collecting crime and victimization data to better understand trends, forms, causes and consequences of violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families;
  - (iii) Crime prevention strategies, measures, mechanisms and tools, including raising awareness of violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families and the role of coordination between law enforcement, labour, immigration and consular officials, health and social welfare agencies and civil society;
- (b) Afternoon meeting — sub-themes related to possible responses:
  - (i) Implementation of legislative, including criminal law, and operational, including law enforcement, strategies to prevent and respond to xenophobia,

racism and other related forms of intolerance and violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families, including undocumented migrants;

(ii) Measures aimed at assisting and protecting migrants, migrant workers and their families, including the promotion and protection of their rights regardless of their migratory status;

(iii) International cooperation, extradition and mutual legal assistance, including legal assistance for cases involving labour migrants.

### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion on violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families (E/CN.15/2012/5)

## **5. Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and 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 66/181, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”, the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto. The Assembly welcomed the progress achieved by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in the implementation of its mandate, encouraged States parties to continue to provide full support to the Conference, including by providing information to the Conference regarding compliance with the Convention, and requested the Secretary-General to continue to provide UNODC with adequate resources to promote effectively the implementation of the Convention and to discharge its functions as the secretariat of the Conference.

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention held its fifth session in Vienna from 18 to 22 October 2010 and decided that its sixth session would be held from 15 to 19 October 2012.

In its resolution 66/181, the General Assembly encouraged States parties and signatories to the Convention to support the activities of the open-ended intergovernmental working group established by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its fifth session to develop a mechanism or mechanisms for the review of the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, and looked forward to the possible adoption of the terms of reference for such a review mechanism or mechanisms at the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties.

In its resolution 20/3, the Commission urged Member States and invited the Conference of the Parties and other United Nations bodies and agencies to contribute to the full and effective implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons. It requested UNODC to report biennially, starting in 2012, on patterns, forms and flows of trafficking in persons at all levels in a reliable and comprehensive manner, with a balanced perspective on both supply and demand, as a step towards, inter alia, improving the implementation of the Protocol

to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in close cooperation and collaboration with Member States, and to share best practices and lessons learned from various initiatives and mechanisms. The Commission will have before it for consideration a report on the implementation of resolution 20/3 (E/CN.15/2012/7).

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

In its resolution 66/181, the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Corruption. The Assembly welcomed the progress achieved by the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention in the implementation of its mandate, encouraged States parties to continue to provide full support to the Conference, including by providing information to the Conference regarding compliance with the Convention, and requested the Secretary-General to continue to provide UNODC with adequate resources to promote effectively the implementation of the Convention and to discharge its functions as the secretariat of the Conference.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly noted with appreciation the establishment and successful functioning of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the Convention and encouraged States parties and signatories to the Convention to provide full support to the Review Mechanism, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties. The Assembly welcomed the conclusion of the fourth session of the Conference, held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 24 to 28 October 2011, and the resolutions adopted at the session, including resolution 4/3, entitled "Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption". The fifth session of the Conference will be held in Panama in 2013.

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

The General Assembly, in its resolution 66/178, entitled "Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism", urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the existing international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, and requested UNODC, in close coordination with the relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to continue to provide technical assistance to Member States for the ratification and legislative incorporation of those international legal instruments, including through targeted programmes and the training of relevant criminal justice officials, upon request, the development of and participation in relevant initiatives and the elaboration of technical tools and publications. The Assembly encouraged Member States to cooperate and to address, as appropriate, including through the effective exchange of information and sharing of experiences, connections between terrorism and related criminal activities in order to enhance criminal justice responses to terrorism, and called upon UNODC, within its relevant mandates, to support the efforts of Member States in this regard, upon request.

In its resolution 66/181, the Assembly reiterated its request to UNODC to enhance its technical assistance to Member States, upon request, to strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism.

In its resolution 66/105, entitled “Measures to eliminate international terrorism”, 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 and recognized, in the context of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), its role in assisting States in becoming parties to and implementing the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism and in strengthening international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters related to terrorism, including through national capacity-building.

In its resolution 66/171, entitled “Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism”, the General Assembly urged relevant United Nations bodies and entities and international, regional and subregional organizations, including UNODC, within its mandate related to the prevention and suppression of terrorism, to step up their efforts to provide, upon request, technical assistance for building the capacity of Member States in the development and implementation of programmes of assistance and support for victims of terrorism in accordance with relevant national legislation.

**(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters**

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses to violence against women, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 65/228 (E/CN.15/2012/13). In that resolution, the Assembly called upon UNODC to support national efforts to promote the empowerment of women and gender equality in order to enhance national efforts to eliminate violence against women and requested the Office to intensify its efforts to ensure the widest possible use and dissemination of the updated Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

In its resolution 19/5, the Commission requested UNODC to continue to support international cooperation in the forensic field, promote and facilitate the establishment and/or sustainability of regional forensic science associations or networks and, to that end, further explore areas of synergy between its traditional support for the work of drug analysis laboratories and forensic science institutions more generally. The report of the Executive Director on international cooperation in the forensic field will be made available to the Commission (E/CN.15/2012/14).

The Commission will have before it a note verbale forwarding the report on the Fourth World Summit of Attorneys General, Prosecutors General and Chief Prosecutors (E/CN.15/2012/8), which was hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea from 29 June to 2 July 2011, in accordance with Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 19/3.

(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**

The Commission will 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.15/2012/11).

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Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons (E/CN.15/2012/7)

Note verbale forwarding the report on the Fourth World Summit of Attorneys General, Prosecutors General and Chief Prosecutors (E/CN.15/2012/8)

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2012/9)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance in implementing the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism (E/CN.15/2012/10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2012/11)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses to violence against women (E/CN.15/2012/13)

Report of the Executive Director on international cooperation in the forensic field (E/CN.15/2012/14)

**6. 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 resolutions 64/179, 65/232 and 66/181, the Assembly requested UNODC to strengthen the collection, analysis and dissemination of accurate, reliable and comparable data and information to enhance knowledge on crime trends. The data thus collected, together with complementary information, provide evidence to assist in identifying trends, analysing long- and short-term changes and assessing the magnitude of the crime problem.

The Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2012/19).

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2009/22, entitled "International cooperation in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of

economic fraud and identity-related crime”, requested UNODC to collect, develop and disseminate materials and guidelines to assist Member States in preventing and combating economic fraud and identity-related crime and to continue to promote the exchange of views between public and private sector entities on related issues through the continuation of the work of the core group of experts on identity-related crime and to report on the outcome of its work to the Commission on a regular basis. No meeting of the core group of experts on identity-related crime was held in 2011.

In its resolution 66/181, the General Assembly noted with appreciation the convening of an open-ended intergovernmental expert group to conduct a comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime and responses to it by Member States, the international community and the private sector. The second and third meetings of the expert group are planned to be held in July and December 2012.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly urged States parties to use the Convention for broad cooperation in preventing and combating criminal offences against cultural property, especially in returning proceeds of such crime or property to their legitimate owners, in accordance with article 14, paragraph 2, of the Convention, and invited States parties to exchange information on all aspects of criminal offences against cultural property, in accordance with their national laws, and to coordinate administrative and other measures taken, as appropriate, for the prevention, and early detection and punishment of such offences.

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice responses to protect cultural property, especially with regard to its trafficking, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2010/19 (E/CN.15/2012/15).

The Commission, in its resolution 19/1, requested UNODC to identify priority areas for public-private partnerships, to strive to involve the private sector in its activities to counter crime in all its forms and manifestations and to inform Member States regularly about its engagement with the private sector and about related processes and results. The Commission will have before it for its consideration a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution (E/CN.15/2012/16).

In its resolution 18/2, the Commission decided to establish an ad hoc open-ended intergovernmental expert group, composed of experts from academia and the private sector, to study the role of civilian private security services and their contribution to crime prevention and community safety and to consider, inter alia, issues relating to their oversight by competent State authorities. A meeting of the Expert Group on Civilian Private Security Services was held in Vienna from 12 to 14 October 2011. The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat (E/CN.15/2012/20) drawing the attention of the Commission to the report on the meeting of the Expert Group.

### **Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2012/3-E/CN.15/2012/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice responses to protect cultural property, especially with regard to its trafficking (E/CN.15/2012/15)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening public-private partnerships to counter crime in all its forms and manifestations (E/CN.15/2012/16)

Note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2012/19)

Note by the Secretariat on civilian private security services: their role, oversight and contribution to crime prevention and community safety (E/CN.15/2012/20)

**7. Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**

The General Assembly, in its resolution 66/179, invited Member States to provide their suggestions in relation to the overall theme, the agenda items and the topics for the workshops of the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and requested the Commission to approve at its twenty-first session the overall theme, the agenda items and the topics for the workshops.

The Commission may be guided in this regard by the recommendations made by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Lessons Learned from United Nations Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its meeting held in Bangkok from 15 to 18 August 2006 (see E/CN.15/2007/6), endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/173. The Commission will have before it a report on the suggestions made by Member States on the overall theme, the agenda items and the topics for the workshops (E/CN.15/2012/21).

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/CN.15/2012/21)

**8. 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 comprising 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 paragraph 4 of the Salvador Declaration, the Commission was invited to consider reviewing and, if necessary, updating and supplementing the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, and it was recommended that appropriate efforts be made to promote their widest application.

In its resolution 66/181, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”, the General 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 and handbooks developed and published by UNODC.

In its resolution 65/230, the General Assembly requested the Commission to establish, in line with paragraph 49 of the Salvador Declaration, an open-ended intergovernmental expert group to exchange information on best practices, as well as national legislation and existing international law, and on the revision of existing United Nations standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners so that they would reflect recent advances in correctional science and best practices, with a view to making recommendations to the Commission on possible next steps. The Expert Group on the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners held a meeting in Vienna from 31 January to 2 February 2012. The Commission will have before it for its consideration a report on the work of the Expert Group (E/CN.15/2012/18).

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/24, an expert group meeting on strengthening access to legal aid in criminal justice systems was held from 16 to 18 November 2011 in Vienna. The report on that meeting will be before the Commission for its consideration (E/CN.15/2012/17).

#### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on the meeting of the expert group on strengthening access to legal aid in criminal justice systems (E/CN.15/2012/17)

Report of the Secretariat on the work of the Expert Group on the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (E/CN.15/2012/18)

Report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2012/22)

#### **9. Provisional agenda for the twenty-second 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 twenty-second session. With respect to the duration of the session and the submission of draft resolutions, the Commission should review the experience gained thus far and is invited to consider its programme of work in relation to the duration of its subsequent sessions, as well as the appropriateness of recent practice with respect to the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions. The Commission should also devote attention to the selection of the themes for the

thematic discussion at its subsequent sessions and should consider making more definite arrangements regarding the duration of its future sessions.

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2010/243, decided that the prominent theme for the twenty-second session of the Commission would be “The challenge posed by emerging forms of crime that have a significant impact on the environment and ways to deal with it effectively”, bearing in mind paragraph 14 of the Salvador Declaration. It also decided that the prominent theme for the twenty-third session of the Commission would be “International cooperation in criminal matters”, bearing in mind paragraph 21 of the Salvador Declaration.

**11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-first session**

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its twenty-first session on 27 April 2012, 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.

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

1. In its decision 1997/232, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in addition to plenary meetings, should be provided with full interpretation services for a total of 12 meetings for informal consultations on draft proposals and for meetings of open-ended working groups, with the precise allocation of time for the different types of meetings to be determined by the Commission under the agenda item entitled "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work", on the understanding that no more than two meetings would be held concurrently, in order to ensure maximum participation of delegations.

2. 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. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 23 April, to the morning of Friday, 27 April 2012. A workshop on the implementation of the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World, organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 23 April, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals and under the chairmanship of a member of the Bureau.

3. The Commission, at its reconvened twentieth session, held on 12 and 13 December 2011, took note of the recommendation of the extended Bureau and agreed that informal consultations would be held on Friday, 20 April 2012. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, inter alia, a preliminary review of draft resolutions to be considered at the twenty-first session of the Commission, made available in advance, as well as the sub-themes of the thematic debate of the twenty-second session, the theme and sub-themes of subsequent sessions, the duration of the twenty-second 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. The firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions is noon on Friday, 23 March 2012, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2011/257. States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the twenty-first session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible but not after that date. To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions be submitted to the Secretariat in electronic form.

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**Informal pre-session consultations, 20 April 2012**


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*Date and time***Friday, 20 April**

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

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**Twenty-first session, 23-27 April 2012***Plenary**Committee of the Whole***Monday, 23 April**

10-11 a.m.	Opening of the session <i>Item 1.</i> Election of officers <i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (a) Work of the working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme	
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions ( <i>continued</i> )	Workshop on the implementation of the Salvador Declaration

**Tuesday, 24 April**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> Thematic discussion on the theme “Violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families” (a) Morning meeting – sub-themes related to the prevention of the problem (i) Victimization and exploitation of migrants, migrant workers and their families, where it occurs and best practices to address their vulnerabilities, taking into account the special needs of migrant women and children (ii) Improvements in reporting and collecting crime and victimization data to better understand trends, forms, causes and consequences of violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families (iii) Crime prevention strategies, measures, mechanisms and tools, including raising awareness of violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families and the role of coordination between law enforcement, labour, immigration and consular officials, health and social welfare agencies and civil society	Informal consultations: consideration of draft resolutions
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	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 4.</i> Thematic discussion on the theme “Violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families”</p> <p>(b) Afternoon meeting – sub-themes related to possible responses</p> <p>(i) Implementation of legislative, including criminal law, and operational, including law enforcement, strategies to prevent and respond to xenophobia, racism and other related forms of intolerance and violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families, including undocumented migrants</p> <p>(ii) Measures aimed at assisting and protecting migrants, migrant workers and their families, including the promotion and protection of their rights regardless of their migratory status</p> <p>(iii) International cooperation, extradition and mutual legal assistance, including legal assistance for cases involving labour migrants</p>	<p>Informal consultations: consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)</p>
<b>Wednesday, 25 April</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 5.</i> Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice</p> <p>(a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto</p> <p>(b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption</p> <p>(c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism</p> <p>(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters</p> <p>(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</p>	<p>Informal consultations: consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)</p>
3-6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 5.</i> 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 (<i>continued</i>)</p>	<p>Informal consultations: consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)</p>

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
<b>Thursday, 26 April</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> 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 ( <i>continued</i> )	Informal consultations: consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 6.</i> World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice  <i>Item 7.</i> Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Informal consultations: consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Friday, 27 April</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>Item 8.</i> Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice  <i>Item 9.</i> Provisional agenda for the twenty-second session of the Commission	Informal consultations: consideration of draft resolutions ( <i>continued</i> )
3-6 p.m.	<i>Item 10.</i> Other business  <i>Item 11.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-first session	