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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. It also decided that the Chair of the Commission should, whenever appropriate, invite the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union to participate in the meetings of the Bureau.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened twenty-seventh session, on 7 December 2018, opened its twenty-eighth session for the sole purpose of electing its Bureau for that session. The Commission elected the Chair, the Second Vice-Chair and the Third Vice-Chair. The nomination of the First Vice-Chair remained pending until 8 January 2019, when the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States nominated Jose Antonio Marcondes De Carvalho of Brazil for that office. The office of the Rapporteur remained vacant. The Commission is expected to elect the First Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur during its consideration of item 1 of the present provisional agenda.

In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	Eastern European States	Alena Kupchyna (Belarus)
First Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Jose Antonio Marcondes De Carvalho (Brazil) (<i>designate</i>)
Second Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Gabriela Sellner (Austria)
Third Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Kazem Gharib Abadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Rapporteur	African States	<i>To be elected</i>

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 [2018/244](#), the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its twenty-seventh session and approved the provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth 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-eighth session. The proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

As agreed by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-seventh session, in December 2018, the twenty-eighth session of the Commission will be held from 20 to 24 May 2019, with pre-session informal consultations to be held on 17 May 2019, the working day preceding the first day of the session.

Draft resolutions should be submitted as early as possible in order to enable productive discussions during the pre-session consultations. In accordance with Commission decisions 21/1 and 22/2, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions would, in principle, be one month prior to the commencement of the session. As agreed at its reconvened twenty-seventh session, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session is Tuesday, 23 April 2019, at noon (Monday, 22 April 2019 is an official United Nations holiday).

As noted by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-seventh session, a workshop will be organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network. The workshop will be held in the afternoon of the first day of the twenty-eighth session, as was done in previous years, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals. It will be chaired by a member of the Bureau. The theme of the workshop will be related to the prominent theme of the twenty-eighth session of the Commission.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/259, the Commission will hold its reconvened twenty-eighth session concurrently with the reconvened sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on 12 and 13 December 2019.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda ([E/CN.15/2019/1](#))

3. General debate

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

The list of the speakers for the general debate will be opened on 23 April 2019 and closed on 16 May 2019. For the purpose of finalizing the list of speakers, only a distinction between cabinet-rank ministers and other speakers will be made. The list of speakers for those two groups will be established on a first-come, first-served basis.

Regarding the duration of statements, the practice followed at the twenty-seventh session of the Commission shall apply, i.e., a maximum of five minutes of speaking time (which is equivalent to a statement of approximately 500 words) will be allotted to those speaking in their national capacity, and seven minutes will be allotted to the Chairs of the regional groups.

In its resolution [73/183](#), entitled “Enhancing the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the General Assembly encouraged Member States to consider including information on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 16 in their voluntary national reviews in 2019, and consider sharing relevant information as contained in those voluntary national reviews of 2019, as well as relevant information contained in the voluntary national reviews of 2016, 2017 and 2018, with the Commission during its twenty-eighth session, including in the context of the general debate.

4. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

- (a) **Work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
- (b) **Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme**
- (c) **Working methods of the Commission**
- (d) **Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters**

For its consideration of item 4, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) ([E/CN.7/2019/2–E/CN.15/2019/2](#)), which contains an overview of the activities conducted by UNODC during 2018 in the areas of, inter alia, effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem, countering transnational organized crime and corruption, preventing terrorism, crime prevention and criminal justice and research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2017/236, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, the Council decided to renew the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC until the part of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in the first half of 2021. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3.

At its twenty-eighth session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group ([E/CN.7/2019/3–E/CN.15/2019/3](#)).

At its reconvened twenty-seventh session, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice adopted resolution 27/7, entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund”. At the same session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2018/14–E/CN.15/2018/16](#)) and the proposed draft annual programme implementation plan for 2020 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2018/CRP.11–E/CN.15/2018/CRP.8](#)).

At its reconvened twenty-seventh session, the Commission also considered the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within UNODC ([E/CN.7/2018/15–E/CN.15/2018/17](#)). At its twenty-eighth session, the Commission may wish to continue discussing the efforts undertaken by UNODC to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular in the Professional and higher categories, and to achieve the goal of a 50/50 gender balance, in accordance with Commission resolutions 24/3, 25/4 and 26/5.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2019/2–E/CN.15/2019/2](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2019/3–E/CN.15/2019/3](#))

Draft proposed programme plan and performance information for 2020 ([E/CN.7/2019/11–E/CN.15/2019/13](#))

5. Thematic discussion on the responsibility of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems in preventing and countering crime motivated by intolerance or discrimination of any kind

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2016/241, the prominent theme for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission is “The responsibility of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems in preventing and countering crime motivated by intolerance or discrimination of any kind”.

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

For its consideration of the item, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion ([E/CN.15/2019/6](#)).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion ([E/CN.15/2019/6](#))

6. Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

(a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

In its resolution [73/186](#), entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto represented the most important tools of the international community for fighting transnational organized crime, and noted with appreciation that the number of States parties to the Convention

had reached 189, which was a significant indication of the commitment shown by the international community to combating transnational organized crime. In the same resolution, the Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

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

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [73/186](#) is included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2019/4](#)).

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

In its resolution [73/186](#), the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, urged States parties to that Convention to continue to provide full support to the review mechanism adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and noted with appreciation that the number of States parties had reached 186, which was a significant indication of the commitment shown by the international community to combating corruption and related crimes.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly urged Member States, in cooperation with the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and with the support of relevant international organizations, to develop national, subregional, regional and international strategies, as appropriate, and other necessary measures, including the establishment, in accordance with domestic legislation, of designated central authorities and effective points of contact dedicated to facilitating the procedures related to international cooperation, including for extradition and mutual legal assistance requests, in order to effectively address transnational organized crime, and to strengthen all forms of cooperation to enable the return of illicitly acquired assets in accordance with the provisions of the Convention against Corruption for asset recovery, in particular chapter V, with the cooperation of UNODC, within its existing mandate.

Furthermore, in its resolution [73/190](#), the General Assembly urged Member States to combat and penalize corruption in all its forms, as well as the laundering of proceeds of corruption, to prevent the acquisition, transfer and laundering of proceeds of corruption and to work for the prompt recovery of such assets in accordance with the principles of the Convention, including chapter V. It also called for closer and active collaboration among interested States parties to the Convention, regional organizations and the United Nations system, including international financial institutions, in identifying commendable practices in effective and coordinated approaches to asset recovery consistent with chapter V of the Convention. Furthermore, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to provide UNODC with the resources necessary to enable it to promote, in an effective manner, the implementation of the Convention and to discharge its functions as the secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, and requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the Convention is adequately funded.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [73/190](#) and [73/186](#) is included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2019/4](#)).

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

In its resolution [73/211](#), entitled “Measures to eliminate international terrorism”, the General Assembly called upon all Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as well as the resolutions relating to the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth biennial reviews of the Strategy, in all its aspects at the international, regional, subregional and national levels without delay, including by mobilizing resources and expertise.

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

Furthermore, in its resolution [73/186](#), 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, including the phenomenon of travelling, returning and relocating foreign terrorist fighters, especially with regard to extradition and mutual legal assistance, and its financial sources, through the facilitation of the ratification and implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism, and invited Member States to provide UNODC with appropriate resources for its mandate.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [73/211](#) and [73/186](#) will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism ([E/CN.15/2019/5](#)).

(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters

In its resolution [73/189](#), the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the Organized Crime Convention, taking into consideration the central role of those instruments in the fight against trafficking in persons, and urged States parties to those instruments to implement them fully and effectively.

In its resolution [73/146](#), the General Assembly urged Member States, the United Nations and other international, regional and subregional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations, the private sector and the media, to fully and effectively implement the relevant provisions of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons and the activities outlined therein.

In its resolution [27/4](#), the Commission invited UNODC and other relevant agencies of the United Nations system, within their mandates, to continue their activities to support the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, including within the framework of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons. In the same resolution, the Commission invited UNODC to incorporate aspects of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development relevant to preventing and combating trafficking in persons and consider how to coordinate future activities and avoid duplication of efforts. Further, the Commission encouraged Member States to consider or continue the development of bilateral, regional and multilateral groups or networks of national authorities to combat trafficking in persons and to consider measures to facilitate inter-institutional cooperation to fight and eradicate this crime and to assist and

protect trafficking victims, and requested UNODC to continue providing technical assistance to requesting Member States in this regard.

Information on the implementation of those mandates will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2019/4).

In its resolution 27/5, the Commission strongly encouraged Member States to apply the International Guidelines for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Responses with Respect to Trafficking in Cultural Property and Other Related Offences to the maximum extent possible, where appropriate, including by reviewing their legislation, procedures and other practices and, if necessary, amending them, drawing upon the Guidelines, in order to ensure their adequacy for preventing and combating trafficking in cultural property, in view of strengthening international cooperation in this field. In the same resolution, the Commission requested UNODC to continue to provide technical assistance to Member States, at their request, in relation to international cooperation in combating trafficking in cultural property, in cooperation with relevant international organizations and bodies.

Since the extrabudgetary resources required for the implementation of Commission resolution 27/5 were not provided, relevant information will be included in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.15/2019/2).

(e) Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56, the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, under the guidance of the Commission (as the successor to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, pursuant to Council resolution 1992/1), is to undertake relevant activities, including formulating principles, policies and guidelines for the activities of the Institute and reporting periodically to the Council through the Commission. A note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees will be made available to the Commission (E/CN.15/2019/8).

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2019/7).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2019/2–E/CN.15/2019/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2019/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism (E/CN.15/2019/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network (E/CN.15/2019/7)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (E/CN.15/2019/8)

7. Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice

In section VII of its resolution 1992/22, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should include in its agenda a standing item on existing United

Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including their use and application.

In its resolution 2003/30, the Council decided to group those United Nations standards and norms into categories for the purpose of targeted collection of information and requested UNODC, in collaboration with the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to provide support to Member States requesting assistance with the use and application of those United Nations standards and norms.

In its resolution 72/193, the General Assembly requested UNODC to continue ensuring broad dissemination of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules), to design guidance material and to provide technical assistance and advisory services to Member States, upon request, in the field of penal reform, in order to develop or strengthen penitentiary legislation, procedures, policies and practices consistent with the Rules. It also requested the Office to facilitate the exchange of information and experiences in relation to the practical implementation of the Nelson Mandela Rules among Member States.

In its resolution 73/186, 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, handbooks and capacity-building material developed and published by UNODC.

In its resolution 27/6, the Commission requested UNODC, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to develop, in consultation with Member States, educational material and practical guidance, including the updating of its *Handbook on Restorative Justice Programmes*, to offer training and other capacity-building opportunities, in particular for practitioners working in the areas of crime prevention and criminal justice, and to make available and disseminate information on restorative justice programmes, including successful practices, potential risks, technical challenges and possible solutions, as well as lessons learned.

In its resolution 73/185, the General Assembly renewed its call upon relevant entities of the United Nations system to continue cooperating and coordinating their activities, within their respective mandates, to promote a more integrated approach to the provision of assistance for building capacity in the area of the rule of law and criminal justice reform and to further explore joint projects in that area. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested UNODC to continue to provide technical assistance to Member States, upon request, to strengthen the rule of law, taking into account the work undertaken by other United Nations entities, within existing mandates, as well as regional and bilateral efforts, and to continue to ensure coordination and coherence, including through the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group.

The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2019/9).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice (E/CN.15/2019/9)

8. World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

Understanding and knowledge of crime trends and criminal justice indicators support effective policy formulation, operational response and impact assessment in the area of crime prevention. Regular, international data-collection activities on crime trends and criminal justice and relevant analysis were mandated by the General Assembly in

its resolution [46/152](#) and by the Economic and Social Council in its resolutions 1984/48, 1990/18, 1996/11 and 1997/27.

In its resolution [73/186](#), the General Assembly, inter alia, requested UNODC to continue to develop, in close cooperation with Member States, technical and methodological tools and trend analyses and studies to enhance knowledge of crime trends and support Member States in designing appropriate responses in specific areas of crime, in particular in their transnational dimension, taking into account the need to make the best possible use of existing resources. In the same resolution, the Assembly invited Member States to develop national plans for the gradual adoption of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes and to strengthen national statistical systems of criminal justice. Also in the same resolution, the Assembly requested UNODC, within its existing mandate, to continue to strengthen the regular collection, analysis and dissemination of accurate, reliable and comparable data and information, including, as appropriate, data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant criteria, and strongly encouraged Member States to share such data and information with the Office.

The Commission will have before it the note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2019/10](#)).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2019/2–E/CN.15/2019/2](#))

Note by the Secretariat on world crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2019/10](#))

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

In its resolution [73/184](#), the General Assembly reiterated its invitation to Governments to take into consideration the Doha Declaration adopted by the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice when formulating legislation and policy directives and to make every effort, where appropriate, to implement the principles contained therein in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. In the same resolution, the Assembly welcomed the work undertaken by UNODC in ensuring appropriate follow-up to the implementation of the Doha Declaration.

Further, in that resolution, the Assembly decided to hold the Fourteenth Congress in Kyoto, Japan, from 20 to 27 April 2020, with pre-Congress consultations to be held on 19 April 2020. The Assembly also decided that the high-level segment of the Fourteenth Congress would be held during the first two days of the Congress in order to allow Heads of State or Government and government ministers to focus on the main theme of the Congress and to enhance the possibility of generating useful feedback. In the same resolution, the Assembly urged Governments to actively participate in the regional preparatory meetings, where appropriate, and invite their representatives to examine the substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fourteenth Congress and to make action-oriented recommendations for consideration by the Congress. The Assembly further reiterated its invitation to Member States to be represented at the Fourteenth Congress at the highest possible level, for example, by Heads of State or Government, government ministers or attorneys general, and to make statements on the theme and topics of the Congress.

Also in its resolution [73/184](#), the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare a plan for the documentation for the Fourteenth Congress, in consultation with the extended Bureau of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to appoint a Secretary-General and an

Executive Secretary of the Fourteenth Congress, in accordance with past practice, to perform their functions under the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice. Furthermore, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure, in collaboration with Member States, a wide and effective programme of public information relating to the preparations for the Fourteenth Congress, to the Congress itself and to the follow-up to and implementation of its recommendations.

Also in the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure proper follow-up to resolution [73/184](#) and to report thereon to the Assembly through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. In that regard, the Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General for its consideration ([E/CN.15/2019/11](#)).

The Commission will also have before it a note by the Secretariat on the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2019/12](#)).

The Commission will also have before it a note by the Secretariat entitled “From policy directives to concrete results: a quinquennial strategic operational road map”. ([E/CN.15/2019/CRP.3](#)).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice ([E/CN.15/2019/11](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2019/12](#))

10. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution [68/1](#), including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [68/1](#), the Economic and Social Council is expected to, inter alia, ensure the harmonization and coordination of the agendas and work programmes of the functional commissions by promoting a clearer division of labour among them and providing clear policy guidance to them. In accordance with that resolution, the Commission has been contributing, as appropriate, to the Council’s work relating to its annual framework common themes.

In September 2015, the General Assembly adopted resolution [70/1](#), entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda. In that outcome document, Heads of State and Government and High Representatives envisaged that thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, would take place at the high-level political forum on sustainable development and that those reviews would be supported by reviews by the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums.

In its resolution [70/299](#), on follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level, the General Assembly decided that the theme for the high-level political forum in 2019 would be “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” and that in 2019, the set of Goals to be reviewed in depth would be Goals 4, 8, 10, 13 and 16, in addition to Goal 17, which is to be reviewed annually.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly encouraged coherence of the Assembly and its Main Committees, the Economic and Social Council, the specialized agencies and the functional commissions of the Council, and other intergovernmental bodies

and forums with the work of the high-level political forum towards the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In that regard, it took note of the ongoing work of the Assembly and its Main Committees, the Council and its functional and regional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and forums on the review of their working methods and agendas in order to ensure that they addressed the implementation of the 2030 Agenda within their respective areas of expertise and mandates, while avoiding duplication.

In its resolution [73/183](#), entitled “Enhancing the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the General Assembly invited Member States and relevant United Nations agencies, international and regional organizations, the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network and other relevant stakeholders to share with the Commission, for consideration during its twenty-eighth session, views on how the Commission can contribute to the review of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 16.

Information on the proposals shared by Member States and United Nations entities, as well as further views on how the Commission can contribute to the review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular Goal 16, will be brought to the attention of the Commission in the form of a conference room paper (E/CN.15/2019/CRP.2).

In its resolution [73/185](#), the General Assembly urged Member States to continue to recognize the cross-cutting nature of the rule of law, crime prevention and criminal justice and development, and recommended that such linkages and interrelationships be properly addressed and further elaborated, while reiterating the commitments made with regard to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular in connection with the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16. Furthermore, the Assembly invited the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network to continue to include in their work programme the issue of the rule of law and the provision of assistance to States, at their request, in responding to the challenges posed to the rule of law and development, as well as to strengthen their efforts to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

At the reconvened twenty-seventh session, specific action points for the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, stemming from the annex to General Assembly resolution [72/305](#) on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution [68/1](#) on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council were brought to the attention of the Commission in the form of a conference room paper (E/CN.7/2018/CRP.15–E/CN.15/2018/CRP.9).

On the margins of the 2018 session of the high-level political forum, the Commission held a joint event with other functional commissions of the Council on the topic of gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Commission may wish to use its twenty-eighth session to further consider how it can best contribute to the follow-up to and support the review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, within its mandates, as well as how to further enhance synergies between its work and that of other functional commissions of the Council.

11. Provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth 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-ninth session.

12. Other business

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

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

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its twenty-eighth session on 24 May 2019, the last day of the session.

In its decision 2011/257, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should make efforts to reduce the length of its annual reports, bearing in mind the need for such reports to include resolutions and decisions adopted or transmitted by the Commission at its sessions, as well as briefer summaries of its deliberations under each agenda item, focusing in particular on policy findings and conclusions reached. The Commission reaffirmed that commitment in its decisions 21/1 and 22/2.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

1. The proposed organization of work is subject to approval by the Commission. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been concluded, the following one will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.
2. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 20 May to the morning of Friday, 24 May 2019. A workshop on the theme of the thematic discussion (“Responsibility of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems in preventing and countering crime motivated by intolerance or discrimination of any kind”), organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to be chaired by a member of the Bureau, will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 20 May, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals.
3. The Commission, at its reconvened twenty-seventh session, decided that informal pre-session consultations would be held on Friday, 17 May 2019. The informal pre-session consultations could devote attention to, inter alia, a preliminary review of the draft resolutions to be considered by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session, and other matters.
4. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before they are submitted to the plenary. States intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration at the twenty-eighth session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible but not after Tuesday, 23 April 2019. To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions be submitted to the Secretariat in electronic form.
5. Allotted speaking times of five minutes must be strictly adhered to during the twenty-eighth session.

Informal pre-session consultations, 17 May 2019

Date and time

Friday, 17 May

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

Twenty-eighth session, 20–24 May 2019

Date and time

Plenary

Committee of the Whole

Monday, 20 May

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Opening of the session
	<i>Item 1.</i> Election of officers
	<i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	<i>Item 3.</i> General debate

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
3–6 p.m.	<i>Item 3. General debate (continued)</i>	Workshop organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network on the topic of the thematic discussion
Tuesday, 21 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<i>Item 5. Thematic discussion on the responsibility of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems in preventing and countering crime motivated by intolerance or discrimination of any kind</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions
3–6 p.m.	<i>Item 5. Thematic discussion (continued)</i>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 22 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<i>Item 4. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme (c) Working methods of the Commission (d) Staff composition of UNODC and other related matters 	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	<i>Item 6. Integration and coordination of efforts by UNODC and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism 	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
	(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters	
	(e) Other activities in support of the work of UNODC, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies	
Thursday, 23 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<i>Item 7.</i> Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
	<i>Item 8.</i> World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice	
3–6 p.m.	<i>Item 9.</i> Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 24 May		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<i>Item 10.</i> Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1 , including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
	<i>Item 11.</i> Provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the Commission	
3–6 p.m.	<i>Item 12.</i> Other business	
	<i>Item 13.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-eighth session	