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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.

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-ninth session, on 4 December 2020, opened its thirtieth session for the sole purpose of electing its Bureau for that session. The Commission elected the Chair, the First Vice-Chair, the Second Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur. The office of the Third Vice-Chair remained vacant. The Commission is expected to elect the remaining officer 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 thirtieth session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	Western European and other States	Alessandro Cortese (Italy)
First Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Hikihara Takeshi (Japan)
Second Vice-Chair	African States	Teodolinda Rosa Rodrigues Coelho (Angola)
Third Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	(<i>vacant</i>)
Rapporteur	Latin American and Caribbean States	Carlos Alberto García Reyes (Guatemala)

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.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2020/230, the items that were contained in the provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session (E/CN.15/2020/1), as laid out in Council decision 2019/223, but were not dealt with during the twenty-ninth session have been included in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session of the Commission.¹ The documentation listed in the present document is intended to be read in conjunction with the documentation prepared for the twenty-ninth session as originally scheduled.

In its decision 2021/219, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its twenty-ninth session and approved the provisional agenda for the thirtieth session of the Commission.

As agreed by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-ninth session, the thirtieth session of the Commission will be held from 17 to 21 May 2021, with pre-session informal consultations to be held on 14 May 2021, 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-ninth session, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission at its thirtieth session is Monday, 19 April 2021, at noon.

As noted by the Commission at its reconvened twenty-ninth 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 thirtieth 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 thirtieth session of the Commission.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2011/259, the Commission will hold its reconvened thirtieth session concurrently with the reconvened sixty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on 9 and 10 December 2021.

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

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.15/2021/1)

¹ The twenty-ninth session of the Commission, originally scheduled to be held from 18 to 22 May 2020, was postponed, owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation, and was subsequently held in a scaled-down format on 3 December 2020.

3. General debate

At its twenty-eighth session, the Commission decided to include a general debate in the agenda for its twenty-ninth session. In line with Economic and Social Council decision 2020/230, the items that were contained in the provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session but were not dealt with during that session, including the general debate, have been included in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session of the Commission.

The list of the speakers for the general debate will be opened on 29 April 2021 and closed on 12 May 2021. 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.

Owing to the time limitations necessitated by the use of a remote interpretation platform, the duration of meetings is restricted to two hours. Therefore, a maximum of three minutes of speaking time (which is equivalent to a statement of approximately 300 words) will be allotted to those speaking in their national capacity and five minutes will be allotted to the Chairs of the regional groups.

4. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions

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

For its consideration of item 4, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (E/CN.7/2021/2-E/CN.15/2021/2), which contains an introduction to and an overview of the effects and consequences of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on UNODC and information on the main activities carried out in relation to COVID-19, as well as information on the strategic orientation of UNODC and progress made by the Office in implementing its mandates with regard to the five thematic areas outlined in the UNODC strategy for the period 2021–2025: (a) addressing and countering the world drug problem; (b) preventing and countering organized crime; (c) preventing and countering corruption and economic crime; (d) preventing and countering terrorism; and (e) crime prevention and criminal justice. The report also provides information on the activities undertaken with regard to strengthening UNODC (inter alia, measures relating to the United Nations reform; partnerships, communication, resource mobilization and cross-cutting commitments; and the organizational culture of the Organization), and a number of recommendations for consideration by the Commission.

In its decision 2021/218, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, the Economic and Social Council decided to extend the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC until the reconvened sessions of the Commissions to be held in December 2021, at which time the Commissions should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate beyond 2021.

At its thirtieth session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2021/3-E/CN.15/2021/3).

At its reconvened twenty-ninth session, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice adopted resolution 29/1, entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund”. In that resolution, the Commission, inter alia, requested UNODC to continue to fully implement Commission resolution 28/4 and regularly report on the implementation thereof to the working group. In the same resolution, the Commission requested the Office to continue to report on the financial and governance impact of the COVID-19 crisis and on the response of the Office to the crisis, and to present recommendations that might improve its response to potential future crises. Also in the same resolution, the Commission requested the Office to present suggestions for possible solutions to the budget shortfalls, including those deriving from the liquidity crisis, as well as information on any savings realized and any possible reallocation of resources.

At the same session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2020/16-E/CN.15/2020/16](#)), the note by the Secretariat on the draft proposed programme plan for 2021 and performance information for 2019 ([E/CN.7/2020/13-E/CN.15/2020/15](#)) and a conference room paper containing the draft proposed programme plan for 2022 and programme performance for 2020 for UNODC ([E/CN.7/2020/CRP.20-E/CN.15/2020/CRP.1](#)). The draft proposed programme plan for 2022 and programme performance for 2020 were subsequently transmitted to the Office of Programme Planning, Finance and Budget at United Nations Headquarters ([E/CN.7/2021/9-E/CN.15/2021/15](#)).

Also at the same session, the Commission considered the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within UNODC ([E/CN.7/2020/17-E/CN.15/2020/17](#)). At its thirtieth 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, 26/5, 27/1, 28/4 and 29/1.

Further, at its reconvened twenty-ninth session, the Commission considered the conference room paper containing a revised longer-term vision or strategy for the Office, including its headquarters and a strengthened and sustainable field network ([E/CN.7/2020/CRP.22-E/CN.15/2020/CRP.3](#)).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2021/2-E/CN.15/2021/2](#))

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.7/2021/3-E/CN.15/2021/3](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the draft proposed programme plan for 2022 and programme performance for 2020 ([E/CN.7/2021/9-E/CN.15/2021/15](#))

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

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2020/230, the thematic discussion scheduled for the twenty-ninth session, on the prominent theme “Effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children”, has been included in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session of the Commission.

The extended Bureau, at its meeting on 11 November 2020, endorsed the Chair’s proposal not to have sub-themes for the discussion at the thirtieth session.

For its consideration of the item, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing the discussion guide for the thematic discussion (E/CN.15/2020/6 and E/CN.15/2021/6).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the guide for the thematic discussion on effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children (E/CN.15/2020/6 and E/CN.15/2021/6)

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 [75/196](#), 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 190, which was a significant indication of the commitment shown by the international community to combating transnational organized crime. Also in that 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 General Assembly welcomed the launch of the review process of the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, at the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, held in Vienna from 12 to 16 October 2020, and urged States parties to actively participate in and support the review process.

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

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [75/196](#) will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption (E/CN.15/2020/4 and E/CN.15/2021/4).

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

In its resolution [75/194](#), entitled “Preventing and combating corrupt practices and the transfer of proceeds of corruption, facilitating asset recovery and returning such assets to legitimate owners, in particular to countries of origin, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption”, the General Assembly welcomed the fact that 187 States parties had already ratified or acceded to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, thus making it an instrument enjoying a status very close to universal adherence. Also in that resolution, the Assembly urged all Member States and competent regional economic integration organizations, within the limits of their competence, that had not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority and urged all States parties to take appropriate measures to ensure its full and effective implementation. In the same resolution, the Assembly noted with appreciation the organization of the special session of the General Assembly against corruption, to be held from 2 to 4 June 2021, and the

ongoing preparatory process under the auspices of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention.

In its resolution [75/196](#), the General Assembly urged States parties to the Convention against Corruption to continue to provide full support to the review mechanism adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention. In the same resolution, the Assembly urged States parties to the Convention to increase their efforts and to take measures to prevent and counter corruption, with the necessary focus on, among others, acts of corruption that involved vast quantities of assets, without undermining their commitment to preventing and countering corruption at all levels and in all forms, and called upon States parties to the Convention to take measures to ensure that legal and natural persons were held accountable for corruption offences, including when they involved bribery and vast quantities of assets, in accordance with the Convention.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [75/196](#) and [75/194](#) will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2021/4](#)).

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

In its resolution [75/145](#), 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 General 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.

Also in the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC to continue its efforts to enhance, through its mandate, the capabilities of the United Nations in the prevention of terrorism.

In its resolution [75/196](#), the General Assembly requested 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.

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

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

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

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [74/175](#), [75/145](#) and [75/196](#) will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism ([E/CN.15/2020/5](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/5](#)).

(d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters

In its resolution [75/195](#), entitled “Strengthening and promoting effective measures and international cooperation on organ donation and transplantation to prevent and combat trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs”, the General Assembly urged Member States that had not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the Organized Crime Convention, taking into consideration the central role of those instruments in the fight against trafficking in persons, and urged States parties to those instruments to implement them fully and effectively. It requested UNODC, in collaboration with other entities of the United Nations system, including the World Health Organization, to continue providing capacity-building and technical assistance to States, upon request, to assist them in strengthening national capacities to effectively prevent and combat trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal and trafficking in human organs.

In its resolution [75/158](#), entitled “Trafficking in women and girls”, the General Assembly urged Governments to provide or strengthen training for, and to raise awareness among, law enforcement, judicial, immigration and other relevant officials on the prevention and combating of trafficking in persons, including the sexual exploitation of women and girls, and including in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [75/158](#) and [75/195](#) will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2020/4](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/4](#)).

In its resolution [74/173](#), entitled “Promoting technical assistance and capacity-building to strengthen national measures and international cooperation to combat cybercrime, including information-sharing”, the General Assembly encouraged Member States to endeavour to provide appropriate technical assistance and sustainable capacity-building to strengthen the ability of national authorities to deal with cybercrime and to continue exchanging views on practical experiences and other technical aspects in that regard.

Information on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [74/173](#) will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on promoting technical assistance and capacity-building to strengthen national measures and international cooperation to combat cybercrime, including information-sharing ([E/CN.15/2020/12](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/13](#)). The Commission will also have before it a note by the Secretariat transmitting the report on the meeting of the Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime held in Vienna from 6 to 8 April 2021 ([E/CN.15/2021/16](#)).

In its resolution 2019/23, entitled “Combating transnational organized crime and its links to illicit trafficking in precious metals and illegal mining, including by

enhancing the security of supply chains of precious metals”, the Economic and Social Council encouraged Member States to enhance international cooperation, information-sharing and exchanges of best practices among law enforcement and judicial authorities, in accordance with their domestic legal frameworks and international obligations, in preventing and combating illicit trafficking in precious metals and illegal mining. It also invited UNODC to continue to provide technical assistance to Member States and encouraged the Office, the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other relevant international and regional organizations to closely coordinate their activities and enhance their cooperation in supporting Member States in their efforts to combat illicit trafficking in precious metals and illegal mining.

Information on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2019/23 will be presented orally.

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

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56, the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, under the guidance of the Commission (as the successor to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, pursuant to Council resolution 1992/1), is to undertake relevant activities, including formulating principles, policies and guidelines for the activities of the Institute and reporting periodically to the Council through the Commission. A note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees will be made available to the Commission ([E/CN.15/2020/8](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/8](#)).

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network ([E/CN.15/2020/7](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/7](#)).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2021/2-E/CN.15/2021/2](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption ([E/CN.15/2020/4](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/4](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on technical assistance in implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism ([E/CN.15/2020/5](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/5](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network ([E/CN.15/2020/7](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/7](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute ([E/CN.15/2020/8](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/8](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting technical assistance and capacity-building to strengthen national measures and international cooperation to combat cybercrime, including information-sharing ([E/CN.15/2020/12](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/13](#))

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report on the meeting of the Expert Group to Conduct a Comprehensive Study on Cybercrime held in Vienna from 6 to 8 April 2021 ([E/CN.15/2021/16](#))

Conference room paper on views and inputs on how the Commission can contribute to addressing the smuggling of commercial goods as a form of transnational organized crime ([E/CN.15/2021/CRP.1](#))

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

In section VII of its resolution 1992/22, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should include in its agenda a standing item on existing United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including their use and application.

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

In its resolution [75/196](#), 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 [74/170](#), entitled “Integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice strategies”, the General Assembly requested UNODC to convene an expert group meeting, in close coordination with Member States and in collaboration with relevant entities, to examine effective ways and means of integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice, taking into account relevant United Nations action plans, standards and norms, with a view to analysing and compiling a set of best practices that catered to various stakeholders and enhanced system-wide coordination.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Secretariat on the outcome of the expert group meeting on integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice strategies ([E/CN.15/2020/14](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/14](#)).

In its resolution [27/6](#), entitled “Restorative justice”, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to report to it on the implementation of the resolution. Information on the implementation of Commission resolution [27/6](#) is contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2020/9](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/9](#)).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the use and application of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice ([E/CN.15/2020/9](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/9](#))

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Secretariat on the outcome of the expert group meeting on integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice strategies ([E/CN.15/2020/14](#) and [E/CN.15/2021/14](#))

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 [75/196](#), 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 and in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals, taking into account the need to make the best possible use of existing resources. In the same resolution, the Assembly reiterated its invitation to Member States to gradually adopt the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes and to strengthen national statistical systems of criminal justice. Also in the same resolution, the Assembly requested UNODC, within its existing mandate, to continue to strengthen the regular collection, analysis and dissemination of accurate, reliable, timely and comparable data and information, including, as appropriate, data disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant criteria, and strongly encouraged Member States to share such data and information with the Office.

The Commission will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the report on the state of crime and criminal justice worldwide ([E/CN.15/2020/10](#)) and the note by the Secretariat on developments regarding crime prevention and criminal justice as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic ([E/CN.15/2021/10](#)).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the report on the state of crime and criminal justice worldwide ([E/CN.15/2020/10](#))

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ([E/CN.7/2021/2-E/CN.15/2021/2](#))

Note by the Secretariat on developments regarding crime prevention and criminal justice as a result of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic ([E/CN.15/2021/10](#))

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

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

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

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

Also in that decision, the General Assembly requested the Commission to give high priority at its thirtieth session to considering the declaration of the Fourteenth Congress, with a view to recommending, through the Economic and Social Council, appropriate follow-up by the Assembly at its seventy-sixth session.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcome of the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice ([E/CN.15/2021/12](#)).

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Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcome of the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice ([E/CN.15/2021/12](#))

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

At its twenty-fourth session, in May 2015, the Commission decided to include a standing item on its agenda focusing on its contributions to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 68/1. Pursuant to that resolution, the Council is expected to, inter alia, ensure the harmonization and coordination of the agendas and work programmes of the functional commissions by promoting a clearer division of labour among them and providing clear policy guidance to them. In accordance with that resolution, the Commission has been contributing, as appropriate, to the work of the Council relating to the common themes of the annual framework of the Council.

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

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

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

The high-level political forum on sustainable development will be held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in New York from 6 to 15 July 2021. The theme will be “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”. As in past years, the Commission will provide substantive input to the high-level political forum.

The Commission may wish to use its thirtieth 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, within its mandates, as well as how to further enhance synergies between its work and that of other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

11. Provisional agenda for the thirty-first 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 thirty-first 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 thirtieth session

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its thirtieth session on 21 May 2021, 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.
2. In the light of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation, the session is likely to be held in a hybrid format, combining an in-person component with online participation. Owing to the time limitations necessitated by the use of a remote interpretation platform, the duration of meetings is restricted to two hours. Owing to restrictions related to COVID-19 and the associated social-distancing measures, the plenary meetings and the meetings of the Committee of the Whole will all be held, in a consecutive manner, in the Plenary Hall of M-Building, which is the largest room at the Vienna International Centre.
3. The Commission, at its reconvened twenty-ninth session, decided that informal pre-session consultations would be held on Friday, 14 May 2021. At the informal pre-session consultations, attention could be devoted to, inter alia, a preliminary review of the draft resolutions to be considered by the Commission at its thirtieth session, and other matters.
4. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet from the afternoon of Monday, 17 May to the morning of Friday, 21 May 2021. A workshop relating to the theme of the thematic discussion (“Effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children”), organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to be chaired by a member of the Bureau, will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 17 May, prior to the Committee of the Whole taking up its consideration of draft proposals.
5. 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 thirtieth session of the Commission are requested to submit them as early as possible but not after noon on Friday, 23 April 2021 (the original deadline of 19 April 2021 was extended by silence procedure). To facilitate the work of the Commission, it is recommended that draft resolutions be submitted to the Secretariat in electronic form.
6. The allotted speaking times of three minutes must be strictly adhered to during the thirtieth session.

Informal pre-session consultations, 14 May 2021

Date and time

Friday, 14 May 2021

12 noon–2 p.m. Informal consultations

Thirtieth session, 17–21 May 2021

Date and time

Plenary (Plenary Hall)

*Committee of the Whole
(Plenary Hall)*

Monday, 17 May

9–11 a.m. Opening of the session
Ceremonial opening segment
Item 1. Election of officers

Date and time	Plenary (Plenary Hall)	Committee of the Whole (Plenary Hall)
	<i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
	<i>Item 3.</i> General debate	
12 noon–2 p.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> General debate (<i>continued</i>)	
3–5 p.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> General debate (<i>continued</i>)	
6–8 p.m.		Workshop organized by the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network relating to the topic of the thematic discussion
Tuesday, 18 May		
9–11 a.m.		Consideration of draft resolutions
12 noon–2 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Thematic discussion on effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children	
3–5 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Thematic discussion (<i>continued</i>)	
6–8 p.m.		Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 19 May		
9–11 a.m.		Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
12 noon–2 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (a) Work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme (c) Working methods of the Commission (d) Staff composition of UNODC and other related matters	
3–5 p.m.	<i>Item 6.</i> Integration and coordination of efforts by UNODC 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	

Date and time	Plenary (Plenary Hall)	Committee of the Whole (Plenary Hall)
	<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 UNODC, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies</p>	
6–8 p.m.		Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 20 May		
9–11 a.m.		Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)
12 noon–2 p.m.	<p><i>Item 7.</i> Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice</p> <p><i>Item 8.</i> World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice</p>	
3–5 p.m.	<i>Item 9.</i> Follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	
6–8 p.m.		Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 21 May		
9–11 a.m.		Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
12 noon–2 p.m.	<p><i>Item 10.</i> Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, in line with General Assembly resolution 72/305, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Item 11.</i> Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session of the Commission</p>	
3–5 p.m.	<p><i>Item 12.</i> Other business</p> <p><i>Item 13.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirtieth session</p>	