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Addendum

Annotations

1. Election of officers

Pursuant to section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission opened its sixty-second session on 7 December 2018 to elect its Bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chair, the First Vice-Chair, the Third Vice-Chair and the Rapporteur. The Second Vice-Chair was elected on 14 March 2019. The office of the Rapporteur became vacant during the intersessional period after the regular part of the sixty-second session in March 2019. The Latin American and Caribbean States nominated Adela Cano Del Castillo of Peru for the office of Rapporteur. The Commission is expected to elect this officer of the Bureau, as well as any other officers as may be necessary for the remainder of the sixty-second session, on 12 December 2019.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2011/259, entitled “Joint meetings of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, decided that, starting in 2011, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice would hold joint meetings during their reconvened sessions for the purpose of considering agenda items included in the operational segment of the agendas of both Commissions, with a view to providing integrated policy directives to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on administrative, budgetary and strategic management issues. The Council also decided that the practice of holding back-to-back reconvened sessions of the Commissions would be continued to enable each Commission to consider, in separate meetings, agenda items included in the normative segment of its agenda.

In accordance with that decision, two meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs will be held jointly with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice during their reconvened sessions in order to consider the agenda item on strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions. The remaining items on the agenda will be considered thereafter in a separate meeting. This is reflected in the proposed organization of work contained in the annex to the present document.



Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda: addendum (E/CN.7/2019/1/Add.1)

8. 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 drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
- (c) Working methods of the Commission**
- (d) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters**

In its decision 2017/236, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, the Economic and Social Council decided to renew the mandate of the working group until the part of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in the first half of 2021, at which time the commissions should carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate. The terms of reference of the working group are contained in Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13.

In its resolution 60/3, the Commission requested the working group to continue discussing the biennial consolidated budget of UNODC, the governance and financial situation of UNODC, evaluation and oversight, strengthening human resources governance to improve the gender balance and geographical representation, as well as other matters. The Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group (E/CN.7/2019/3/Add.1-E/CN.15/2019/3/Add.1).

In its resolution 61/12, the Commission invited UNODC to update Member States on its efforts towards implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/266 B](#) on shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations and to report to the Commission at its next reconvened session. The Commission also requested the secretariat to update Member States in writing at regular intervals, including at the reconvened sixty-second session, on its progress towards the implementation of Assembly resolution [72/279](#) and relevant United Nations development system reform measures, including the UNODC initiative to create a one-off surge capacity, with a view to identifying sustainable and financially viable options and benefits for the field network of the Office, including in the light of the reformed United Nations resident coordinator system, to strengthen the Office’s delivery of its mandates to Member States.

The Commission in its resolution 61/12 requested UNODC to continue to mainstream a gender perspective into the development, implementation and evaluation of its programmes, policies, practices and strategies, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session.

In its resolution 61/12, the Commission also requested UNODC, in line with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, to continue to intensify its efforts with a sense of urgency, to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular within the Professional and higher categories, including for field representatives, by, inter alia, intensifying its outreach efforts, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session. In the same resolution, the Commission further requested UNODC to continue to include in such reporting, as well as in the dialogue within the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial

situation of the Office, disaggregated data on the composition of staff by geographical area and gender, including on the Division for Management and on locally recruited staff, as well as measures taken to improve the geographical distribution and gender parity of its staff, including a description of its internal and external recruitment processes, such as measures in place to ensure transparency. In addition, the Commission acknowledged the efforts made by UNODC to ensure gender balance among its staff, and requested the Executive Director of the Office to continue to intensify the efforts of the Office to achieve the goal of a 50/50 gender balance within the Professional and higher categories, including for field representatives, while upholding Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, by, inter alia, intensifying outreach efforts, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next reconvened session. The Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within UNODC (E/CN.7/2019/15-E/CN.15/2019/17).

The Commission in its resolution 61/12 encouraged UNODC to undertake, within existing resources, a review of current practices and its implementation of existing policies, including those in accordance with initiatives put forth by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to address and tackle prohibited conduct, including abuse, exploitation, abuse of authority, discrimination, sexual exploitation and abuse, and harassment, especially sexual harassment, and requested the Office to present the outcomes, recommendations and associated management responses to the Commission at its next reconvened session.

At its reconvened sixty-second session, the Commission will have before it for its consideration the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2019/14-E/CN.15/2019/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for UNODC (E/CN.7/2019/16-E/CN.15/2019/18). The Commission is expected to review and approve the consolidated budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for UNODC.

The Commission will also consider the proposed programme budget for the year 2021 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2019/CRP.13-E/CN.15/2019/CRP.9).

The agenda item on strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions will be considered at the joint meetings with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice pursuant to Council decision 2011/259.

Documentation

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/Add.1-E/CN.15/2019/3/Add.1)

Report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2019/14-E/CN.15/2019/16)

Report of the Executive Director on gender balance and geographical representation within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2019/15-E/CN.15/2019/17)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2020–2021 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2019/16-E/CN.15/2019/18)

9. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances

- (b) Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations**
- (c) International Narcotics Control Board**
- (d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion**
- (e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties**

At the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, Member States were called on to share relevant information with, as appropriate, and strengthen the capacity of the World Health Organization (WHO), UNODC, the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) and other relevant international and regional organizations to prioritize the review of the most prevalent, persistent and harmful new psychoactive substances and to facilitate informed scheduling decisions by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. Reference is made to the importance and relevance of the UNODC early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances, which enables emerging trends in new psychoactive substances to be monitored and allows data collection and information-sharing with Member States. To further assist in generating and analysing data on the situation with respect to amphetamine-type stimulants and new psychoactive substances, UNODC continues to implement the global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends (SMART) programme. Information and expertise are provided to WHO to support the prioritization and assessment of substances to be placed under international control.

In its resolution 58/11, the Commission invited WHO to provide regular and timely recommendations for the scheduling of new psychoactive substances by continuing to explore the potential of assessing structurally related substances and substances with similar harm and dependence potential, enhance data-collection tools and contribute to the development of rapid assessment strategies based on all available sources of information. The Commission also invited WHO to present its scheduling recommendations to the Commission at its annual reconvened session in order to help Member States prepare for forthcoming scheduling decisions at the following regular session of the Commission.

In its resolution 59/8, the Commission invited WHO, with the support of UNODC, relevant regional organizations and Member States, to continue conducting regular, efficient, transparent and timely reviews of the most harmful, prevalent and persistent new psychoactive substances and to use the potential impact of toxicity at both the population and individual levels as the primary factor in prioritizing substances for review.

In its resolution 60/4, the Commission requested UNODC, with the support of Member States, WHO and other relevant international and regional organizations, to incorporate toxicological data, in order to provide information on the adverse health consequences of the use of new psychoactive substances, into the early warning advisory system of the Office, building on existing models of data collection in that area with a view to avoiding duplication of efforts. In addition, the Commission invited WHO to continue and accelerate its conducting of regular reviews on the most harmful, prevalent and persistent new psychoactive substances and to provide Member States with the opportunity to contribute to the process for prioritizing substances for review. The online system for collecting toxicological data was launched in September 2018 (unodc.org/tox).

In its resolution 61/8, the Commission encouraged Member States to support UNODC, INCB and WHO in accelerating the process of issuing recommendations for the inclusion of synthetic opioids in the international control regime, in particular through more frequent meetings of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence and increased data-sharing using the existing online portals supported by UNODC

and INCB. In the same resolution, the Commission also encouraged Member States to actively participate in early warning networks and promote, as appropriate, the use of drug surveillance lists and controls and the sharing of relevant information through UNODC, INCB and WHO, within their respective mandates, and enhance bilateral, subregional, regional and international cooperation in the identification and reporting of the threats posed by the non-medical use of synthetic opioids and incidents involving them and, to that end, strengthen the use of national, regional and international established reporting and information exchange systems, such as, where appropriate, the early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances and the SMART programme of UNODC and Project Ion of INCB.

In its resolution 62/8, the Commission encouraged Member States and INCB to further develop their dialogue about implementation of the international drug control conventions, including through regular consultations and the Board's country missions, to lend assistance to and facilitate effective national action to attain the aims of the conventions.

The fortieth meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence, held in Geneva from 4 to 7 June 2018, was dedicated to the critical review of cannabidiol and the pre-review of cannabis and cannabis-related substances (cannabis plant and cannabis resin, extracts and tinctures of cannabis, *delta*-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and isomers of THC).

The forty-first meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence was held in Geneva from 12 to 16 November 2018. At that meeting, the Committee undertook critical reviews of the cannabis and cannabis-related substances (cannabis plant and cannabis resin, extracts and tinctures of cannabis, THC and isomers of THC) and evaluated their dependence-producing properties and harm to health.

During the reconvened sixty-first session of the Commission, on 7 December 2018, a presentation on the recommendations of the forty-first meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence was delivered by the observer for WHO.

At its regular sixty-second session, on 19 March 2019, the Commission decided to include parafluorobutyrylfentanyl, ortho-fluorofentanyl, methoxyacetylfentanyl and cyclopropylfentanyl in Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol and to include ADB-FUBINACA, FUB-AMB (MMB-FUBINACA, AMB-FUBINACA), CUMYL-4CN-BINACA, ADB-CHMINACA (MAB-CHMINACA) and *N*-ethylnorpentylone (ephylone) in Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971. The Commission also decided to include 3,4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidate ("PMK glycidate") (all stereoisomers), 3,4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidic acid ("PMK glycidic acid") (all stereoisomers) and *alpha*-phenylacetoacetamide (APAA) (including its optical isomers) in Table I of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.

The Commission decided not to include hydriodic acid in the tables of the 1988 Convention. It also decided to postpone the voting on the recommendations of WHO regarding the critical review of cannabis and cannabis-related substances in order to provide States with more time to consider the recommendations.

During the intersessional meetings of the Commission, held on 24 June and 23 September 2019, the Commission considered the WHO recommendations on cannabis and cannabis-related substances and had the opportunity to address questions to representatives of WHO. Representatives of INCB and the Division for Treaty Affairs of UNODC were also present to answer questions. During the intersessional meeting of the Commission held on 23 September, it was clarified that it would be for the Commission at its sixty-third session to decide on the action to be taken on those recommendations.

The forty-second meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence is to be held from 21 to 25 October 2019. During that meeting, the Committee is to undertake critical reviews of synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic stimulants, fentanyl

analogues and benzodiazepines. It is expected that WHO will report orally to the Commission during its reconvened sixty-second session about the outcome of that meeting.

15. Provisional agenda for the sixty-third session of the Commission

Under agenda item 15, the Commission may wish to consider and discuss the preparations for its sixty-third session, including the provisional agenda and the dates for the regular and reconvened parts of that session.

16. Other business

The Research and Trend Analysis Branch of UNODC is expected to brief the Commission on the expert-level consultations and progress made in strengthening and streamlining the annual report questionnaire to reflect and assess progress made in the implementation of all commitments. No documentation on agenda item 16 is currently foreseen.

17. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-second session

Under agenda item 17, the Commission is expected to adopt the report on its reconvened sixty-second session.

Opening of the sixty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and election of officers

Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the officers of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs hold office until their successors are elected, and they are eligible for re-election.

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from 2000, the Commission should, at the end of each session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play an active role in the preparations for both the regular and the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance.

Pursuant to section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission is invited to open, at the end of its reconvened sixty-second session, on 13 December 2019, its sixty-third session for the sole purpose of electing the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur for that session.

In view of the established practice of rotating the offices on the basis of regional distribution, the officers to be elected by the Commission for its sixty-third session will be from the regional groups as follows:

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

In accordance with established practice and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39, 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 will assist the Chair in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, will constitute the extended Bureau.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

The proposed organization of work shown below is subject to approval by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. As soon as discussion on an item has been concluded, the following item 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. on Thursday, 12 December 2019, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, 13 December.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Thursday, 12 December	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		Opening of the reconvened sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
		2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (<i>continued</i>)
	3–6 p.m.	8	Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)
8		Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions (<i>continued</i>) (<i>joint meeting</i>)	
Friday, 13 December	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	9	Implementation of the international drug control treaties (<i>continued</i>)
		15	Provisional agenda for the sixty-third session of the Commission (<i>continued</i>)
		16	Other business (<i>continued</i>)
		17	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-second session (<i>continued</i>)