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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should, at the end of each session, elect its Bureau for the subsequent session and should encourage it to play an active role in the preparations for the regular as well as the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous

and effective policy guidance to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

In accordance with section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened sixty-first session, on 7 December 2018, opened its sixty-second session for the sole purpose of electing 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 office of the Second 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 of the Commission at its sixty-second session and their respective regional groups are as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Regional group</i>	<i>Officer</i>
Chair	African States	Mirghani Abbaker Altayeb Bakhit (Sudan)
First Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Kazem Gharib Abadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Second Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	<i>(To be elected)</i>
Third Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Maria Assunta Accili Sabbatini (Italy)
Rapporteur	Latin American and Caribbean States	Alvaro Salcedo Tuellet (Peru)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39 and established practice, a group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union assists the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the officers, constitutes the extended Bureau foreseen in Council resolution 1991/39.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

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

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

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

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

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In its decision 2018/246, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on its sixty-first session and approved the provisional agenda for the sixty-second session of the Commission.

At its reconvened sixty-first session, held from 5 to 7 December 2018, the Commission decided that its sixty-second session would be held from 14 to 22 March 2019. The Commission also decided that it would hold its reconvened sixty-second session on 12 and 13 December 2019.

In accordance with Commission decision 55/1, the firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions is one month prior to the commencement of the session. The Commission decided that the deadline would be set for Thursday, 14 February 2019, at noon.

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

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda ([E/CN.7/2019/1](#))

Ministerial segment

3. Opening of the ministerial segment

In the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, Member States decided to establish 2019 as a target date for States to eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably: (a) the illicit cultivation of opium poppy, coca bush and cannabis plant; (b) the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; and drug-related health and social risks; (c) the illicit production, manufacture, marketing and distribution of, and trafficking in, psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs; (d) the diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors; and (e) money-laundering related to illicit drugs.

In the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, Member States reaffirmed their commitment to implementing effectively the provisions set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, mindful of the targets and goals set therein, as well as to addressing the general challenges and priorities for action identified in the Joint Ministerial Statement adopted at the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, held in March 2014.

In its resolution 60/1, the Commission decided to convene a ministerial segment to be held during its sixty-second session, in 2019, which would last two days, in addition to the five days scheduled for the regular session of the Commission, in order to take stock of the implementation of the commitments made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in the light of the 2019 target date in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

At the reconvened sixtieth session, the Chair of the Commission submitted a background paper outlining the main elements derived from the discussions with the regional groups held in the course of 2017 ([E/CN.7/2017/CRP.9](#)).

At its sixty-first regular session, held in March 2018, the Commission adopted resolution 61/10, entitled “Preparations for the ministerial segment to be held during the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in 2019”, in which it decided that the ministerial segment is to include a general debate and two interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables, to be conducted in parallel with the general debate in the plenary.

At its intersessional meeting on 25 June 2018, the Commission decided to add Wednesday, 5 December 2018, to the reconvened session, for a special segment devoted to preparations for the ministerial segment in March 2019.

In June 2018, the Commission finalized a workplan for its third, fourth and fifth intersessional meetings. Those meetings, held from 25 to 28 September, from 22 to 25 October and from 7 to 9 November 2018, had thematic segments focused on the implementation of the joint commitments contained in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action, the Joint Ministerial Statement adopted at the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, and the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly. Those meetings also had an organizational segment addressing outstanding issues and arrangements of the ministerial segment and a normative segment focused on the implementation of the international drug control treaties. More information on the outcome of the intersessional meetings has been posted on the dedicated website.²

In resolution 61/10, the Commission also resolved that an outline for the way beyond 2019 would be presented by the Chair to the Commission at its reconvened sixty-first session for further consideration, including at its intersessional meetings prior to the sixty-second session, in the light of the preparations for the ministerial segment. The Chair submitted a conference room paper entitled “2019: Accelerating collective efforts to address and counter the world drug problem based on common and shared responsibility” to the Commission at its reconvened sixty-first session (E/CN.7/2018/CRP.14).

4. General debate of the ministerial segment

In its resolution 61/10, the Commission decided that the ministerial segment would include a general debate. Following the format of the general debates conducted during the high-level segments of the fifty-second session of the Commission, in 2009, and the fifty-seventh session, in 2014, the meetings of the general debate will be open to all States Members of the United Nations. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will participate in accordance with articles 74 and 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

At the reconvened sixty-first session, organizational arrangements for the general debate were brought to the attention of the Commission in the form of a conference room paper (E/CN.7/2018/CRP.12), which will be made available in document [E/CN.7/2019/10](#) at the sixty-second session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the ministerial segment of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs ([E/CN.7/2019/10](#))

5. Interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables of the ministerial segment

- (a) Taking stock of the implementation of all commitments³ made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in the light of the 2019 target date for the goals set in paragraph 36 of the political declaration; analysing existing and emerging trends, gaps and challenges**

² Available at www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/2019/2019-high-level-ministerial-segment-preparatory-process.html.

³ Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem; Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem; and the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”.

(b) Safeguarding the future: enhancing our efforts to respond to the world drug problem through strengthening international cooperation, including means of implementation, capacity building and technical assistance, on the basis of common and shared responsibility

At the reconvened sixty-first session, organizational arrangements for the round-table discussions were brought to the attention of the Commission in the form of a conference room paper (E/CN.7/2018/CRP.12), which will be made available in document [E/CN.7/2019/10](#) at the sixty-second session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the ministerial segment of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs ([E/CN.7/2019/10](#))

6. Outcome of the ministerial segment

In its resolution 61/10, the Commission decided that a summary by the Chair of the general debate, in addition to a summary of the salient points raised during the round tables to be prepared by the co-chairs of those round tables, would be presented at the plenary.

At the special segment of the reconvened sixty-first session of the Commission, held on 5 December 2018, Member States called for the elaboration of a short, concise and action-oriented ministerial outcome document that would send a strong political message.

7. Closure of the ministerial segment

The high-level segment will be declared closed following the conclusion by the Commission of its consideration of item 6.

Operational segment

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**

For its consideration of item 8, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC ([E/CN.7/2019/2-E/CN.15/2019/2](#)), which contains an overview of the activities of the Office during 2018 in the areas of, inter alia, drug prevention, treatment and reintegration and the prevention and treatment of drug-related HIV/AIDS; the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes; cross-cutting issues, including drugs and human rights, youth, children, women and communities; alternative development; countering drug trafficking; countering transnational organized crime and corruption; preventing terrorism; crime prevention and criminal justice; and research, trend analysis and scientific and forensic support.

In its decision 2017/236, the Economic and Social 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 the annex to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13.

At its sixty-second 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 sixty-first session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs adopted resolution 61/12, entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”. 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 sixty-first session, the Commission 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 sixty-second 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 58/12, 59/9 and 60/10.

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 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)

Normative segment

9. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

Under item 9, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances

The fortieth meeting of the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence of the World Health Organization (WHO) was held in Geneva from 4 to 7 June 2018 and was dedicated to the critical review of cannabidiol and the pre-review of cannabis plant and 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 above-mentioned cannabis components (cannabis plant and resin, extracts and tinctures of cannabis, THC and isomers of THC) as well as of a number of new psychoactive substances, including fentanyl analogues and other psychoactive substances, 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 a representative of WHO.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2019/8), containing relevant extracts of the report

on the forty-first meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence relating to 10 new psychoactive substances and 2 medicines, and containing the Committee's recommendations and the assessments and findings on which those recommendations were based.

The Commission will have before it another note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2019/12), containing relevant extracts of the reports on the fortieth and forty-first meetings of the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence relating to cannabis and cannabis-related substances, and containing the Committee's recommendations and the assessments and findings on which those recommendations were based.

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances under the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/CN.7/2019/9), containing information transmitted by the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) pursuant to article 12, paragraph 4, of the 1988 Convention, with regard to the assessments of "3,4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidate" ("PMK glycidate"), 3,4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidic acid ("PMK glycidic acid"), *alpha*-phenylacetoacetamide (APAA) and hydriodic acid. The Commission will also have before it, for consideration, the recommendation of the Board that "PMK glycidate", "PMK glycidic acid" and APAA be included in Table I of the 1988 Convention.

(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

The sub-item entitled "Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations" was added to the provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission and maintained on the agendas of the subsequent sessions in order to assist Member States in applying the existing scheduling procedures contained in the three international drug control conventions. Under the sub-item, the Commission will address the ongoing challenge of identifying and detecting new psychoactive substances.

In the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, Member States resolved to strengthen national and international action to address the emerging challenge of new psychoactive substances, including their adverse health consequences, and the evolving threat of amphetamine-type stimulants, including methamphetamine, and underscored the importance of enhancing information-sharing and early warning networks, developing appropriate national legislative, prevention and treatment models and supporting scientific evidence-based review and scheduling of the most prevalent, persistent and harmful substances.

The Commission, in its resolution 60/4, invited WHO, with the support of Member States, UNODC and other relevant international and regional organizations, to enhance its surveillance of new psychoactive substances of concern, to regularly update its surveillance list and disseminate it to Member States and relevant international and regional organizations and to issue voluntary public health alerts where there was sufficient evidence that a substance posed a significant risk to public health and safety.

(c) International Narcotics Control Board

The annual report of INCB is submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the international drug control treaties. The Commission may make such comments on the report as it sees fit. In addition, article 8 of the 1961 Convention as amended, article 17 of the 1971 Convention and article 21 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 authorize the Commission to

call the attention of the Board to any matters that may be relevant to the functions of the Board. The report of the Board for 2018 (E/INCB/2018/1) will be before the Commission.

Article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention requires the Board to report annually to the Commission on the implementation of that article. It is suggested that the report of the Board for 2018 on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2018/4) be considered at the same time as the report of the Board for 2018 (E/INCB/2018/1), in line with the recent practice of the Commission.

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

The outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016 includes operational recommendations on ensuring the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion.

A supplement to the annual report of INCB, entitled *Progress in Ensuring Adequate Access for Medical and Scientific Purposes* (E/INCB/2018/1/Supp.1), will be made available in 2019.

(e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties

Pursuant to Commission resolution 61/8, entitled “Enhancing and strengthening international and regional cooperation and domestic efforts to address the international threats posed by the non-medical use of synthetic opioids”, an intergovernmental expert group meeting on the international challenge posed by the non-medical use of synthetic opioids was held in Vienna on 3 and 4 December 2018. Thematic sessions of the meeting focused on key topics related to reducing the supply of synthetic opioids for non-medical use and the public health aspect of the non-medical use of synthetic opioids. The Commission will have before it a report containing the deliberations and Chair’s summary of salient points raised during the meeting ([UNODC/CND/EG.1/2018/2](#)).

Following the regular part of the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held from 12 to 16 March 2018, and in view of the decisions taken by the Commission on the changes in the scope of control of substances, the *Multilingual Dictionary of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under International Control* has been updated.

The Commission will have before it, for information, the latest issue of the publication entitled *Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties* ([ST/NAR.3/2018/1](#)), which provides information to facilitate cooperation between competent national authorities that are empowered to issue certificates and authorizations for the import and export of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and that regulate or enforce national controls over precursors and essential chemicals in accordance with the international drug control treaties.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances: proposed scheduling recommendations by the World Health Organization on new psychoactive substances and medicines ([E/CN.7/2019/8](#))

Note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances under the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 ([E/CN.7/2019/9](#))

Note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances: proposed scheduling recommendations by the World Health Organization on cannabis and cannabis-related substances ([E/CN.7/2019/12](#))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2018 (E/INCB/2018/1)

Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2018 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/2018/4)

Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties (ST/NAR.3/2018/1)

Report on the meeting of the intergovernmental expert group on the international challenge posed by the non-medical use of synthetic opioids held in Vienna on 3 and 4 December 2018 (UNODC/CND/EG.1/2018/2)

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

In the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, Member States committed themselves to effectively implementing the Political Declaration and its Plan of Action through resolute international cooperation, in collaboration with relevant regional and international organizations, with the full assistance of the international financial institutions and other relevant agencies and in cooperation with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, as well as the private and public sectors, and to reporting biennially to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the efforts to fully implement the Political Declaration and the Plan of Action. They also considered it necessary for the Commission to include on its agenda a separate item on follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

At its sixty-first session, the Commission had before it the fourth biennial report of the Executive Director on action taken by Member States to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action (E/CN.7/2018/6). As that report was the fourth and last of the biennial reports that the Commission had requested UNODC to provide before the target date of 2019 set in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, it included information covering the period since the adoption of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action in 2009.

(a) Demand reduction and related measures

In its resolution 53/16, the Commission requested the Executive Director of UNODC to continue to submit to it the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs, in accordance with the reporting mandates contained in the 1961 Convention as amended and the 1971 Convention. Furthermore, in its resolution 54/9, the Commission requested the Executive Director to provide an overview of measures and activities undertaken by UNODC to enhance the scientific quality of its reporting mechanisms and the support given to Member States in developing their capacity for data collection and analysis. A report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse is contained in document E/CN.7/2019/4.

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/14, relevant decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) are transmitted to the Commission in a note by the Secretariat on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission and the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS. Information on the relevant decisions of the Board taken at its meetings in December 2017 and June 2018 will be before the Commission in document E/CN.7/2019/6.

(b) Supply reduction and related measures

The Commission will also have before it the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2019/5), which includes information on the implementation of resolution 53/16, in which the Commission requested the Executive Director to continue to submit to it the annual reports on trends in global drug abuse and the illicit supply of drugs. The report provides an overview of the latest trends in illicit drug production and trafficking worldwide.

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

Pursuant to Commission resolution 56/3, entitled “Strengthening international cooperation in combating illicit opiates originating in Afghanistan through continuous and reinforced support to the Paris Pact initiative”, the Commission will have before it a conference room paper of the Secretariat containing information on the progress achieved and measures taken in the implementation of the fourth phase of the Paris Pact initiative.

The Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNODC (E/CN.7/2019/2-E/CN.15/2019/2), which includes information on international judicial cooperation and the Office’s Global Programme against Money-Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and the Financing of Terrorism.

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 Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse (E/CN.7/2019/4)

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking (E/CN.7/2019/5)

Note by the Secretariat on promoting coordination and alignment of decisions between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (E/CN.7/2019/6)

11. Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session

Pursuant to its resolutions 67/193, 69/200 and 70/181, the General Assembly convened a special session on the world drug problem that was held in New York from 19 to 21 April 2016. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, under the guidance of the President of the General Assembly, led the preparatory process for the special session by addressing all organizational and substantive preparations, including the negotiation of the outcome document, entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”, which was adopted by the General Assembly on 19 April 2016 by means of its resolution S-30/1.

The outcome document contains operational recommendations on the following seven thematic areas:

(a) Demand reduction and related measures, including prevention and treatment, as well as other health-related issues;

(b) Ensuring the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion;

(c) Supply reduction and related measures; effective law enforcement; responses to drug-related crime; and countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation;

(d) Cross-cutting issues: drugs and human rights, youth, children, women and communities;

(e) Cross-cutting issues in addressing and countering the world drug problem: evolving reality, trends and existing circumstances, emerging and persistent challenges and threats, including new psychoactive substances, in conformity with the three international drug control conventions and other relevant international instruments;

(f) Strengthening international cooperation based on the principle of common and shared responsibility;

(g) Alternative development; regional, interregional and international cooperation on development-oriented balanced drug control policy; addressing socioeconomic issues.

In the outcome document, Member States resolved to take the steps necessary to implement the operational recommendations, in close partnership with the United Nations, other intergovernmental organizations and civil society, and to share with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control matters, timely information on progress made in the implementation of those recommendations.

Following the adoption of the outcome document, the Commission initiated a follow-up process based on the principles of comprehensiveness and inclusiveness, addressing all seven thematic chapters of the outcome document equally and providing opportunities for all stakeholders, including United Nations entities, international and regional organizations and civil society organizations, to contribute.

A core part of the Commission-led follow-up process to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem is the thematic discussions that are focused on the exchange of good practices, challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of the outcome document. The first three rounds of thematic discussions were held by the Commission in October 2016, January 2017 and in September–November 2017. In its resolution 60/1, the Commission decided to continue to hold intersessional meetings to further work on, and support Member States in, the implementation of the outcome document and the sharing of best practices corresponding to the seven thematic chapters of the outcome document, and to continue to conduct that follow-up process in an inclusive, transparent and comprehensive manner.

In its resolution [73/192](#), the General Assembly welcomed the follow-up to the implementation of the recommendations set out in the outcome document through the intersessional process of the Commission and encouraged the Commission to continue to work on and support Member States in the implementation and sharing of best practices corresponding to the seven thematic areas of the outcome document.

In accordance with Commission resolution 60/1 and following the workplan adopted by the Commission on 26 June 2018, a fourth round of thematic discussions was held in September–November 2018. Each day of those meetings had a particular thematic focus and consisted of a panel discussion, followed by a thematic debate. The panels included representatives of the five regional groups, United Nations entities and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as of civil society.

Documentation

Outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem” (General Assembly resolution [S-30/1](#), annex)

12. Inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem

In the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, Member States reaffirmed the principal role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control matters, and reaffirmed their support and appreciation for the efforts of UNODC as the leading entity in the United Nations system for addressing and countering the world drug problem. Also in the outcome document, Member States encouraged the Commission and UNODC to further increase cooperation and collaboration with all relevant United Nations entities and international financial institutions, within their respective mandates, when assisting Member States in designing and implementing comprehensive, integrated and balanced national drug strategies, policies and programmes.

In its resolutions [71/211](#), [72/198](#) and [73/192](#), the General Assembly reaffirmed the outcome document and encouraged all relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to identify operational recommendations in it that fell within their area of specialization and to commence implementing the recommendations that were within their existing mandates, in collaboration and cooperation with UNODC and INCB, keeping the Commission informed of programmes and progress made to achieve goals set out in the outcome document.

In addition to supporting the Commission's follow-up process to the special session on the world drug problem, UNODC also continued to strengthen its cooperation with other United Nations entities to support Member States in the implementation of the recommendations. At the sixty-first session of the Commission, INCB, UNODC and WHO delivered a joint statement on implementation of the recommendations issuing from the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly which reinforced the commitment of the three entities to support Member States in effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem.

Through a decision in April 2017 of the Executive Committee established by the Secretary-General, UNODC has been tasked with leading the coordination with the following United Nations entities in assisting Member States with the implementation of the recommendations contained in the outcome document: the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), WHO, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat and the Executive Office of the Secretary-General.

During the internal meeting of the Chief Executives Board held in November 2018, principals of the United Nations agencies discussed how the United Nations system could most effectively support the implementation of international drug control policy through effective inter-agency collaboration. At the meeting of the Board, principals committed to harnessing synergies and strengthening inter-agency cooperation, making best use of the expertise within the United Nations system, as well as to supporting each other's activities, within established mandates, and to delivering balanced, comprehensive, integrated, evidence-based, human rights-based, development-oriented and sustainable support to Member States in implementing joint commitments.

Through the network of focal points, UNODC has provided regular updates on the work of the Commission, and since April 2017, a number of United Nations system-wide activities have been initiated, including United Nations system-wide joint messaging, a joint calendar of events and social media campaigns highlighting the joint efforts in supporting Member States.

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its process of follow-up to the special session, also actively seeks to strengthen horizontal cooperation with the other functional

commissions of the Economic and Social Council, addressing cross-cutting issues in the broader framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

13. Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission

In its resolution [73/192](#), the General Assembly encouraged the continued contribution of the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation. The Commission will be informed of the results of the meetings of its subsidiary bodies held since its sixty-first session. The Commission is invited to consider the recommendations made at the Twenty-eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, from 17 to 21 September 2018; the Forty-second Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 2 to 5 October 2018; the Twenty-eighth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago from 22 to 26 October 2018; and the Fifty-third session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, held in Baku from 19 to 23 November 2018, with a view to taking any required follow-up action. A report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission is contained in document [E/CN.7/2019/7](#).

In the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, Member States recommended strengthening, including through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and, as appropriate, its subsidiary bodies, the regular exchange of information, good practices and lessons learned among national practitioners from different fields and at all levels to effectively implement an integrated and balanced approach to the world drug problem and its various aspects and considering additional measures to further facilitate meaningful discussion among those practitioners.

In response to the invitation contained in paragraph 97 of General Assembly resolution [71/211](#), and mindful of the requests contained in Commission resolution 56/10 and the operational recommendation contained in paragraph 6 (c) of the outcome document, in its decision 60/1, the Commission decided to examine how its subsidiary bodies could better contribute to the implementation of the outcome document, to inform its subsidiary bodies of the invitation contained in General Assembly resolution [71/211](#) and to invite those bodies to consider that invitation at their upcoming meetings and report back to it in due course. The subsidiary bodies of the Commission, at their meetings held in 2018, considered Commission decision 60/1. Further information on this matter is contained in document [E/CN.7/2019/7](#).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs ([E/CN.7/2019/7](#))

14. 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

At its fifty-eighth session, in March 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 same 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 the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly held in 2016, Member States welcomed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and noted that efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and to effectively address the world drug problem were complementary and mutually reinforcing. Also in the outcome document, Member States encouraged the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to contribute to the global follow-up and support the thematic review of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, within its mandates, bearing in mind the integrated nature of the Goals as well as the interlinkages between them, and make that information available to the high-level political forum on sustainable development through the appropriate institutional framework, taking into account General Assembly resolution 70/1.

In its resolution 70/299, 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 Sustainable Development 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, 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, and in that regard 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.

At the reconvened sixty-first 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). It was proposed that those points be considered by the extended Bureau of the sixty-second session.

The Commission may wish to use its sixty-second 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 Economic and Social Council.

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

Under agenda item 15, the Commission should devote time to the consideration of any further enhancements that it may deem appropriate to the provisional agenda for its sixty-third and subsequent sessions.

16. Other business

No issues that need to be raised under item 16 have been brought to the attention of the Secretariat, and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

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

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its sixty-second session in the afternoon of 22 March 2019.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

1. In its resolution 1991/39, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should establish a committee, the membership of which should be open to all States members of the Commission, to perform such functions as requested by the Commission in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work.
2. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before they are submitted to the plenary. Pursuant to Commission decision 55/1, the formal deadline for submission of draft resolutions to be considered at the sixty-second session is four weeks prior to the commencement of the session, i.e. Monday, 14 February 2019, at 12 noon. States members of the Commission intending to submit draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission at its sixty-second session are requested to submit them to the Secretariat as early as possible and at the latest by the formal deadline.
3. 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.
4. Allotted speaking time of five minutes must be strictly adhered to during the sixty-second session.

Informal pre-session consultations, 13 March 2019

Date and time

Wednesday, 13 March 2019

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (<i>continued</i>)

Opening of the sixty-second session, 14 March 2019

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>
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Thursday, 14 March 2019

9.30 a.m.	Opening of the sixty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs
	<i>Item 1.</i> Election of officers
	<i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Ministerial segment, 14 and 15 March 2019

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Round-table discussions</i>
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Thursday, 14 March 2019

10 a.m.	<i>Item 3.</i> Opening of the ministerial segment	
	<i>Item 4.</i> General debate of the ministerial segment	
3 p.m.	<i>Item 4.</i> General debate of the ministerial segment (<i>continued</i>)	3 p.m. <i>Item 5 (a).</i> Interactive, multi-stakeholder round table of the ministerial segment: <i>Taking stock of</i>

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Round-table discussions</i>
		<i>the implementation of all commitments⁴ made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in the light of the 2019 target date for the goals set in paragraph 36 of the Political Declaration; analysing existing and emerging trends, gaps and challenges</i>
Friday, 15 March 2019		
10 a.m.	<i>Item 4. General debate of the ministerial segment (continued)</i>	10 a.m. <i>Item 5 (b). Interactive, multi-stakeholder round table of the ministerial segment: Safeguarding the future: enhancing our efforts to respond to the world drug problem through strengthening international cooperation, including means of implementation, capacity-building and technical assistance, on the basis of common and shared responsibility</i>
3 p.m.	<i>Item 4. General debate of the ministerial segment (continued)</i> <i>Item 6. Outcome of the ministerial segment</i> <i>Item 7. Closure of the ministerial segment</i>	

Regular segments of the sixty-second session, 18–22 March 2019

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
Monday, 18 March		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<i>Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (continued)</i> Operational segment <i>Item 8. Strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions:</i> (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;	

⁴ Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem; Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2014 high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem; and the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem”.

Date and time	Plenary	Committee of the Whole
	(d) Staff composition of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other related matters	
3–6 p.m.	<p>Normative segment</p> <p><i>Item 9.</i> Implementation of the international drug control treaties:</p> <p>(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(c) International Narcotics Control Board;</p> <p>(d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion;</p> <p>(e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions
Tuesday, 19 March		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<i>Item 9.</i> Implementation of the international drug control treaties (<i>continued</i>)	
3–6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 10.</i> Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem:</p> <p>(a) Demand reduction and related measures;</p> <p>(b) Supply reduction and related measures;</p> <p>(c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 20 March		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 10.</i> Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem (<i>continued</i>)</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 11.</i> Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 21 March		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 11.</i> Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016, including the seven thematic areas of the outcome document of the special session (<i>continued</i>)</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee of the Whole</i>
3–6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 12.</i> Inter-agency cooperation and coordination of efforts in addressing and countering the world drug problem</p> <p><i>Item 13.</i> Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 22 March		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p><i>Item 14.</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</p> <p><i>Item 15.</i> Provisional agenda for the sixty-third session of the Commission</p>	Consideration of draft resolutions (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	<p><i>Item 16.</i> Other business</p> <p><i>Item 17.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-second session</p>	