Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its sixty-second session and provisional agenda for its sixty-third session

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2019, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its sixty-second session;¹
(b) Also took note of Commission decision 55/1;
(c) Approved the provisional agenda for the sixty-third session set out below.

Provisional agenda for the sixty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. General debate.

Operational segment

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 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.

Normative segment

5. 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, the World Health Organization and the International Narcotics Control Board 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.

6. Follow-up on the implementation at the national, regional and international levels of all commitments, as reflected in the ministerial declaration of 2019, to address and counter the world drug problem:

(a) Consideration of the improved and streamlined annual report questionnaire, as reflected in the ministerial declaration of 2019.²

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

8. Recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

9. Contributions by the Commission to the work of the Economic and Social Council, including follow-up to and review and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

10. Provisional agenda for the sixty-fourth session of the Commission.

11. Other business.

12. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-third session.


The final edited text of this decision will be contained in the official records of the Council for 2019 (E/2019/99 (Supplement No. 1)) after editorial review.

² Ministerial Declaration on Strengthening Our Actions at the National, Regional and International Levels to Accelerate the Implementation of Our Joint Commitments to Address and Counter the World Drug Problem, eleventh paragraph of the section entitled “Way forward”.