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**Commission on Narcotic Drugs****Reconvened fifty-fifth session**

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Agenda item 8

**Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the  
Commission****Organization of the round-table discussions at the  
fifty-sixth session****Note by the Secretariat****I. Establishment of the round-table discussions**

1. The provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs was adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2012/241, and included item 5 entitled “Round-table discussions on progress made in 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”.
2. During deliberations at the Commission’s fifty-fifth session, in March 2012, it was noted that it would be necessary in the intersessional period, to agree on the exact wording of the topics for discussion by each round table and to organize the conduct of the round-table discussions with a view to making them more action-oriented.
3. The Extended Bureau, on 4 December 2012, agreed to recommend to the Commission for endorsement the following consensus proposal:
  - (a) The three round tables would take place during the morning and afternoon of the second day of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission, in the time allotted to the plenary;
  - (b) Each round table would have a duration of two hours;
  - (c) The round tables would be open to all Member States, with a group of 10 core participants nominated, two by each regional group.



4. The proposed format and organization of the round-table discussions are presented in **annex I**. The proposed programme of work for the round-table discussions is contained in **annex II**.

## **II. Proposal of possible subthemes and organizational arrangements for the round-table discussions**

Consensus proposal agreed upon by the informal meetings of interested delegations, facilitated by Simona Marin, Rapporteur of the 55th session of the CND, and endorsed by the Extended Bureau on 4 December 2012:

### **A. Agreed subthemes**

Round-table (a): Demand reduction and related measures

**“Drug prevention as a means to curb the world drug problem within the framework of a scientific evidence approach”**

Round-table (b): supply reduction and related measures

**“The importance of international cooperation, coordination and funding to promote relevant activities and programmes on all aspects of alternative development in support of the drug control regime established by the three international drug control conventions, within a broader international framework”**

Round-table (c): countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation

**“The importance of further strengthening the operational implementation of treaty-based provisions on international cooperation, including for countering money-laundering and preventing the illicit cross-border movement of cash and monetary instruments”**

### **B. Agreed organizational arrangements regarding chairing of the round-tables**

Due to the fact that the round-table discussions will take place on Tuesday, 12 March 2013 and that the Committee of the Whole is led by the First Vice-Chairperson, it is recommended that the round-table discussions are chaired by the Chairperson, Second and Third Vice-Chairpersons of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission. The round-tables to be chaired should be chosen by drawing of lots.

## Annex I

### Proposed format and organization of the round-table discussions

#### Participants

1. Participation in the round-table discussions will be open to members and observers as follows:

- (a) Members: Representatives of States members of the United Nations;
- (b) Observers:
  - (i) Persons representing other delegations with permanent status at the United Nations;
  - (ii) Persons representing entities of the United Nations system;
  - (iii) Persons representing intergovernmental organizations;
  - (iv) Persons representing non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

2. The maximum number of participants will be 74, distributed as follows:

(a) *Ten core participants, consisting of representatives of Member States of the United Nations.* Those 10 core participants will be composed of 2 representatives per regional group, in order to ensure the representation of every regional group in each discussion and to facilitate a more focused discussion;

(b) *A maximum of 59 additional seats allocated to representatives of States members of the United Nations.* Using as a basis United Nations membership, the number of participants from States of each regional group at each round table will, in principle, be as follows:

- (i) Group of African States: 17
- (ii) Group of Asian and Pacific States: 16
- (iii) Group of Eastern European States: 7
- (iv) Group of Latin American and Caribbean States: 10
- (v) Group of Western European and Other States: 9

(c) *Four seats for observers (as referred to in 1(b)).* Each round table shall include 4 participants representing observers, of which at least one seat shall be reserved for a person representing non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

(d) *One seat for UNODC.* The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime will have a seat allocated to it at each round table, (in addition to one seat for the person who will function as Secretary of the round table.

3. The following nomination procedures and deadlines are to be followed:

(a) The Chair of each regional group will communicate to the Chairperson of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, with copy to the Secretariat, all relevant details of the **core and additional participants** from his/her region for each round-table discussion, **at least three weeks before the opening of the session of the Commission**. Relevant details should include nationality of the participant, functional title and a direct e-mail address.

(b) All seats that have not been filled by regional groups **by the deadline** shall be allocated to other requesting regional groups, on a first come, first served basis.

(c) Delegations with permanent status at the United Nations, entities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations interested in obtaining one of the seats allocated to "*observers*", will inform the Secretariat **at least three weeks before the opening of the session of the Commission**. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

(d) The Chair of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs will inform the Secretariat **at least three weeks before the opening of the session of the Commission** about the representation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

(d) Should there still be seats unfilled by Member States **two working days before the opening of the session of the Commission**, the Bureau or Extended Bureau can decide to increase the number of seats for *observers* (listed above *1(b)*], to a maximum number of 8 seats

#### **Attendance**

4. Representatives of any interested Member State and delegates to the Commission session not actively participating at the round table discussions may follow the proceedings via video-transmission in the Plenary room.

#### **Chairing**

5. The Bureau or Extended Bureau of the Commission will determine the mechanisms and criteria used to select the Chair of each round table. Other chairing arrangements, if required, would be at the discretion of the Chair of the Commission, in consultation with the Bureau or the Extended Bureau, as required.

#### **Introductory statements**

6. The Chair of each round table will open the round table and make a brief introductory statement. The Secretariat may be invited to make brief introductory statements.

#### **List of speakers**

7. There will be no list of speakers. Delegations wishing to make interventions at the round table will do so by drawing the attention of the Chair.

**Core participants**

8. Each of the core participants nominated, two by each regional group, is expected to take the floor at the beginning and provide short remarks — **limited to maximum three minutes** — triggering the debate. Core participants will actively participate in the discussion and dialogue, by expressing their points of view and particular experiences and answering questions posed by the Chairperson or other participants.

**Duration of interventions**

9. In view of the duration of each round table, it is envisaged that there will be no prepared or national statements, and it is recommended that interventions should be **limited to three minutes** and take the form of questions or comments on matters covered by the round-table topics, in order to encourage a debate and exchange of expertise and experiences among participants.

**Statements by observers**

10. Statements by observers will be regulated by the Chair of each round table in order to allow their participation in the discussions in accordance with the relevant regulations and established practice.

**Presentation of the outcome of the round-table discussions**

11. The Chair of each round table, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will, in his or her individual capacity, summarize the salient points of their round-table discussion and present them to the plenary prior to the closure of the session of the Commission at which the round table was held.

## Annex II

### **Proposed programme of work for the round-table discussions**

#### **Fifty-sixth session, 12 March 2013**

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Conference room M2</i>
	<i>(Plenary suspended)</i>
	<i>Item 5</i>
9:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>Round-table on theme (a)</b>
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	<b>Round-table on theme (b)</b>
3:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>Round-table on theme (c)</b>

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