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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Addendum

**Proposed organization of work for the sixth session of the
Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**

1. The proposed organization of work for the sixth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, set out below, has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. Its purpose is to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time available, taking into account the conference facilities allocated to the Commission. The proposed organization of work and timetable were approved by the bureau of the Commission at its meeting held on 11 February 1997 and were discussed at the inter-sessional consultation meeting held on 12 February 1997.
2. The proposed timetable should be considered as purely indicative in character. Once the Commission completes the general discussion of an item before an indicated time, it may wish to move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.
3. The Economic and Social Council, by its decision 1996/244, decided that the Commission at its sixth session, in addition to plenary meetings, should be provided with full interpretation services for a total of 12 meetings for informal consultations on draft proposals and for meetings of open-ended working groups, the precise allocation of time for the different types of meetings to be determined by the Commission at its sixth session under item 2 of its agenda, entitled "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work". That decision was taken on the understanding that no more than two meetings would be held concurrently, in order to ensure maximum participation of delegations.

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4. In its resolution 1996/12, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States, institutes comprising the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, relevant United Nations entities and various organizations on the draft practical measures, strategies and activities in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice for the elimination of violence against women and to report on the subject to the Commission at its sixth session so that it might be discussed by the open-ended in-session working group of the Commission.

5. The open-ended in-session working group established by the Economic and Social Council pursuant to its resolution 1993/34, section III, should discuss various issues on United Nations standards, norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice. In its resolution 1996/16, the Council decided that the Commission should consider the report of the Secretary-General on the desirability of establishing an inter-session working group at its sixth session to examine the reports on the use and application of those standards and norms in more detail and to recommend to the Commission possible further action to assist Member States in translating those instruments into practice.

6. The Economic and Social Council in resolution 1996/27, decided that the Commission should establish an in-session working group at its sixth session for the purpose of considering the report and proposals of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, to identify practical activities for its effective implementation and to consider the possibility of elaborating a convention against organized transnational crime. Furthermore, the General Assembly, in its resolution 51/120, requested the Secretary-General to invite all States to submit their views on the question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime, including, *inter alia*, their comments on the proposed draft United Nations framework convention against organized crime (A/C.3/51/7, annex), not later than two months before the commencement of the sixth session of the Commission.

7. It is proposed that the Commission, after its consideration of items 1 and 2, should begin its work with items 7, 8 and 6, so that the working groups may be convened after the introduction of the items relevant to their work. It is also proposed that an equal number of meetings should be allocated for meetings of open-ended working groups and for informal consultations on proposals and recommendations on substantive agenda items. Consequently, the working groups, which will have at their disposal interpretation services in all official languages of the United Nations, should start their meetings on the morning of Tuesday, 29 April 1997, and should continue up to and including the afternoon of Monday, 5 May. Informal consultations by the Committee of the Whole on draft proposals should start on the morning of Tuesday, 6 May, and should continue up to and including the afternoon of Thursday, 8 May. It is expected that the plenary will conclude its meetings on the substantive items of the agenda at the end of Wednesday, 7 May. This arrangement will allow more time for the Commission to consider any outstanding matters on Thursday, 8 May.

8. A strict time-limit of 10 minutes has been set for the delivery of statements on the substantive items of the agenda. Heads of delegations or representatives holding ministerial rank, whose attendance at the Commission may be limited, may deliver their statements or address the Commission on any of the agenda items at their convenience.

9. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the sixth session of the Commission. It is proposed that the meetings should be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Monday, 28 April 1997	Morning	Opening of the session
		Plenary
		<i>Item 1.</i> Election of officers
		<i>Item 2.</i> Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
		<i>Item 7.</i> Strategies for crime prevention and control, particularly in urban areas and in the context of public security
		(a) Elimination of violence against women (b) Measures to prevent illicit trafficking in children
	1 p.m.	Closure of list of speakers on item 7
	Afternoon	<i>Item 7.</i> Continuation and conclusion of general discussion
		<i>Item 8.</i> Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice
		(a) Administration of juvenile justice (b) Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power (c) Development of United Nations minimum rules for the administration of criminal justice
	6 p.m.	Closure of list of speakers on item 8
Tuesday, 29 April 1997	Morning	Plenary
		<i>Item 8.</i> Continuation and conclusion of general discussion
		<i>Item 6.</i> International cooperation in combating transnational crime
		(a) Implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime (b) Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime (c) Extradition and international cooperation in criminal matters (d) Smuggling of illegal migrants (e) Illicit trafficking in motor vehicles (f) The role of criminal law in the protection of the environment
		Working group: Elimination of violence against women
	Afternoon	<i>Item 6.</i> Continuation of general discussion
		Working group: United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Wednesday, 30 April 1997	Morning	Plenary
		<i>Item 6.</i> Continuation of general discussion
	1 p.m.	Closure of list of speakers on item 6
		Working group: Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, in particular, the question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime
	Afternoon	Plenary
		<i>Item 6.</i> Continuation and conclusion of general discussion
		<i>Item 3.</i> Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders
Monday, 5 May 1997	6 p.m.	Closure of list of speakers on item 3
		Working group: Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, in particular, the question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime
	6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of recommendations by the working groups on elimination of violence against women; and on United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice
	6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 7 and 8
	Morning	Plenary
		<i>Item 3.</i> Continuation and conclusion of general discussion
	<i>Item 4.</i> Promotion and maintenance of the rule of law and good governance; action against corruption	
	(a) Action against corruption	
	(b) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on Crime and Public Security	
	1 p.m.	Closure of list of speakers on item 4
		Working group: Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, in particular, the question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>
	Afternoon	<p>Plenary</p> <p><i>Item 4.</i> Continuation and conclusion of general discussion</p> <p><i>Item 5.</i> Criminal justice reform and strengthening of legal institutions</p> <p>(a) Measures to regulate firearms</p> <p>(b) International cooperation and assistance in the management of the criminal justice system: computerization of criminal justice operations and the development, analysis and policy use of crime and criminal justice information</p>
	6 p.m.	<p>Closure of list of speakers on item 5</p> <p>Working group: Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, in particular, the question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime</p>
	6 p.m.	<p>Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 6</p>
Tuesday, 6 May 1997	Morning	<p>Plenary</p> <p><i>Item 5.</i> Continuation and conclusion of general discussion</p> <p><i>Item 9.</i> Technical cooperation, including resource mobilization, and coordination of activities</p> <p>(a) Technical cooperation</p> <p>(b) Resource mobilization</p> <p>(c) Cooperation with other United Nations bodies and other entities</p> <p>Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations</p>
	Afternoon	<p>Plenary</p> <p><i>Item 9.</i> Continuation and conclusion of general discussion</p>
	5 p.m.	<p>Closure of list of speakers on item 9</p> <p>Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations</p>
	6 p.m.	<p>Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 3, 4 and 5</p>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Wednesday, 7 May 1997	Morning	Plenary <i>Item 10.</i> Strategic management and programme questions (a) Strategic management by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (b) Programme questions Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations
	1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of recommendations by the working group on the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, in particular, the question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime
	Afternoon	Plenary <i>Item 10.</i> Continuation and conclusion of general discussion
	5 p.m.	Closure of list of speakers on item 10
	6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 9 and 10 Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations
Thursday, 8 May 1997	Morning	Plenary Consideration and action on any outstanding draft proposals Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations
	Afternoon	Plenary Consideration and action on any outstanding draft proposals Committee of the Whole: Informal consultations
	Morning	Plenary Consideration and action on any outstanding draft proposals <i>Item 11.</i> Provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Commission
Friday, 9 May 1997	Afternoon	Plenary <i>Item 12.</i> Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixth session Closure of the session

