

**Outcome of the sixth intersessional meeting  
23 October 2014, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m and 3 – 6 p.m.  
Boardroom D, C-Building, 4th Floor**

**A. Introduction**

1. The Chairperson of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, H.E. Khaled Abdel-Rahman Shamaa (Egypt), welcomed participants to the sixth intersessional meeting of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission. The agenda of the meeting was approved.

**B. Follow up to the 57<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission**

2. The meeting was informed that the Chairperson had made a statement at the occasion of the Third Committee of the General Assembly's deliberations under the agenda item "*international drug control*". The Committee had been briefed about the outcome of the High-Level review conducted by the CND, including the adoption of the Joint Ministerial Statement.

3. The Chairperson reported that the Third Committee had approved on 16 October, by consensus, the resolution entitled "*Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016*", as recommended by the Commission through the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC Resolution 2014/24), and had sent it for final adoption to the plenary.

*a) Progress regarding consultations with relevant stakeholders*

4. In the spirit of CND resolution 57/5 the Chair emphasized the importance of further encouraging UN entities and specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-government organizations to brief the Commission about the contributions they can make to the UNGASS preparations. In this respect the Chair reported that in New York he had met with representatives of UN entities and encouraged them to send contributions for posting on the UNGASS website as well as to make briefings to the CND, either in person or remotely.

5. With regard to civil society, the Chairperson reported on his participation in a Civil Society Hearing held in the margins of the Third Committee's deliberations in New York, at the invitation by the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs. The Chairperson had informed participants on the work of the CND, in particular on the preparatory work undertaken for UNGASS 2016. He had encouraged civil society organizations, in particular also those working on the ground, to provide information regarding lessons learned from actual projects.

*b) Meetings of the subsidiary bodies of CND*

6. The Chair informed the meeting that the HONLEA Africa had taken place from 15 to 19 September in Addis Ababa; the HONLEA Latin America and the Caribbean meeting

had been held in Paraguay from 6 to 10 October; the HONLEA Asia and the Pacific was currently taking place in Bangkok and the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East would be held from 10 to 13 November in Vienna.

*c) Informal interactive discussions*

7. It was recalled that the informal interactive discussions would be continued throughout the period leading up to the reconvened 57<sup>th</sup> session. The meeting was informed that the next interactive meeting had been scheduled for 29 October on “*Halving new HIV infections among People Who Inject Drugs by 2015: UNODC’s Response*” The Chair announced that a UNAIDS representative from Geneva, would be joining the discussion and encouraged delegations to participate. The Chair reminded participants that all presentations made during the informal interactive discussions were posted on the UNGASS website ([www.ungass2016.org](http://www.ungass2016.org)).

**C. Preparations for the reconvened 57<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission**

*a) Provisional Agenda and organization of work*

8. The Chair recalled that the reconvened 57<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission would take place from 3 to 5 December 2014, with an UNGASS Special Segment on 3 December. Participants were informed that the annotated provisional agenda, including the proposed organization of work, would be made available on the website of the Commission (E/CN.7/2014/1/Add.1).

*b) UNGASS Special Segment*

9. The meeting was informed that the UNGASS Special Segment on “*Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016*” would be conducted in an “open-ended” format, similar to the one used for the “High Level Special Segment” conducted during the 57<sup>th</sup> session of the CND. Pursuant to CND resolution 57/5, the Special Segment was open to the participation of all States Members and observers of the United Nations, organs as well as entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks and other relevant international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations

10. It was recalled that the Commission during its fifth intersessional meeting on 4 September had approved the provisional agenda for the Special Segment, which contained an interactive debate with all interested stakeholders on both organizational and substantive matters related to the preparations for the 2016 General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on drugs.

*c) Joint meetings CND and CCPCJ*

11. On 4 December, in line with ECOSOC decision 2011/259, the CND would hold two meetings jointly with the CCPCJ, for the purpose of considering the items included in the operational segment of the agendas of both Commissions. The Commission would consider

the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for UNODC. The Commission was expected to adopt a draft resolution on the implementation of the budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the Fund of the United Nations Drug Control Programme, containing revised estimates for the General Purpose Funds budget for the current biennium. The meeting was informed that in line with past practice, the draft resolution would be contained in the report of the Executive Director.

12. The Commission would have for its consideration a note by the Secretariat on the work of the *standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of UNODC (FinGov)*. Since the current mandate of the working group would end in the first half of 2015, pursuant to ECOSOC decision 2013/246, the CND and CCPCJ were expected, at their respective 58th and 24th sessions in the first half of 2015, to carry out a review of the functioning of the working group and consider the possible extension of its mandate. The Chair explained that the Co-chairs of FinGov were in the process of preparing a Statement for consideration by both Commissions at their reconvened sessions in December.

13. The Statement was to be discussed for endorsement by FinGov at its meeting on 20 November. It was for the Commissions, during their reconvened sessions, to decide whether to follow past practice and include the Statement in the reports on those sessions, so that the Statement could serve as a basis for the review of the functioning of the working group and consideration of the extension of its mandate at the 58th and 24th sessions of the Commissions in 2015.

*d) Separate meeting CND*

14. The Chairperson informed the meeting that at the separate meeting of the Commission on 5 December (morning slot from 10 am to 1 pm), remaining items on the agenda would be considered.

**D) Preparations for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission**

*a) Dates*

15. With regard to the 58th session of CND, to be held in March 2015, the Chairperson recalled that the Commission needed to decide on the duration of the 58th session, the dates as well as on the organization of an UNGASS special segment on “*Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016*”,. Pursuant to operative para 7 of CND Resolution 57/5, the Commission was expected to devote eight meetings to the preparations of the special session.

16. Upon the recommendation made by the Extended Bureau during its tenth meeting on 21 October, **the Commission endorsed the following days for its 58th session: 9 to 17 March 2015, with the UNGASS Special Segment to take place from Monday 9 to Thursday 12 March, followed by the regular 58th session from Friday 13 March to Tuesday 17 March 2015.**

*b) March 2015 UNGASS Special Segment*

17. The Chairperson recalled that the Secretariat had distributed to Permanent Missions in August a draft provisional agenda for the March 2015 UNGASS Special Segment, for consideration by the Commission at the intersessional meeting of 4 September. The meeting was reminded that the Commission would need to adopt the provisional agenda latest at the time of the reconvened session in December 2014 in order to leave enough time for Member States and the Secretariat to undertake the necessary preparations with a view to make best possible use of the March session .

18. The Chair referred to the regional consultations he had undertaken with all regional groups over the last week to seek their views on the non-paper he had circulated at the previous intersessional meeting on 4 September.

19. Statement were made by over 30 representatives of Member States as well as three non-governmental organizations providing additional feedback on the non-paper which had been circulated on 4 September. The Chair welcomed all comments made during the intersessional meeting as well as during the regional consultations and announced that he would prepare an updated version in which he would try to reflect the comments and contributions received.

*d) Preparations for the regular session*

20. Upon the recommendation made by the Extended Bureau at its tenth meeting on 21 October, the Commission endorsed the proposed deadline for the submission of draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission during its 58<sup>th</sup> session, to be set at **9 February 2015** (one month prior to the commencement of the session).

*e) Composition of the Bureau*

21. With regard to the composition of the bureau, the Chair recalled that at the end of its reconvened 57th session, the Commission should open its 58th session for the sole purpose of electing a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur for the 58th session. Regional Groups should conduct their consultations on their nominees for the offices of the Bureau of the 58th session, bearing in mind that the individuals nominated must be representatives of States Members of the Commission in 2015. In view of the rotation of offices, the regional composition of the Bureau of the 58th session will be as follows:

Chair:	Asia group
First Vice-Chair:	Eastern European group
Second Vice-Chair:	Western European and other States group
Third Vice-Chair:	Latin American and Caribbean group
Rapporteur:	African group

22. The Chair encouraged Regional Groups to ensure that nominations were received early enough to enable the election of a full bureau at the closure of the reconvened session on 5 December. Chairpersons of the Regional Groups were to communicate their nominations in writing through the Secretariat **at the latest by Friday, 21 November 2014**.

## **E) Other Business**

23. The meeting was informed that a side-event would be held, sponsored by Austria, on 5 November, at the occasion of the 2nd UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries. The side-event would focus on the preparations undertaken by the CND for UNGASS 2016, with introductory remarks by H.E. Ambassador Martin Sajdik, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and H.E. Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The event was scheduled to take place from 01:15 to 02:45 p.m. in room M4 (M-Building).