

**PROPOSALS REGARDING THE 2016 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY ON THE WORLD DRUG PROBLEM**

**FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS**

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1. This document is a revised version of the non-paper submitted for consideration by the Commission at its intersessional meeting of 4 September 2014 , and contains amended proposals for consideration by the Commission.
2. The revised version aims to reflect the comments received since the submission of the non-paper dated 4 September, including comments made by delegations during the intersessional meeting held on 23 October 2014, during inter-active informal discussions and brainstorming meetings with Regional Groups as well as in contributions received from Member States, organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and civil society.
3. As explained in the non-paper dated 4 September, the proposed approach follows the scope defined in operative para 44 of General Assembly Resolution 67/193, by which the Assembly decided to convene, in early 2016, a special session on the world drug problem, aiming “to review the progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments. The proposed approach also reflects the call made during the panel discussion, held during the regular 57<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on 18 March that the “Joint Ministerial Statement” adopted at the closure of the High Level Review be used as a common starting point in preparing for the 2016 Special session. The Joint Ministerial Statement recognizes that *“many challenges of the world drug problem have persisted and new ones have emerged in some parts of the world”* and underscored *“the need to take these new trends into account in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action”*. During the panel discussion, the call was made to *“take a practical approach, strengthening the operational and global implementation of existing policy documents, making full use of available tools and sharing evidence and expertise that exists at the national and regional level”* while also *“taking into account current realities”*.
4. As already stressed in the non-paper dated 4 September, the proposed approach aims to encourage and promote the active involvement of all stakeholders, including all Member States, all relevant organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system,

relevant international and regional organizations, and civil society including non-governmental organizations, the scientific community and the youth, both in the preparatory work undertaken by the Commission as well as in the Special Session itself.

5. The proposed approach aims to facilitate implementation of operative para 10 of the resolution entitled *“Special Session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016”*, approved by the Third Committee on 16 October and submitted for final adoption by the plenary of the General Assembly, by which the Assembly *“recognizes that the special session on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 constitutes an opportunity for a high-level and wide-ranging discussion among Member States leading up to the target date of 2019, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant international instruments, in order to further implement the commitments and targets set out in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action”*.
6. It is proposed that the Special Session will be held over a period of 3 days, consisting of a High Level General Debate and Four High Level workshops. The High Level General Debate would enable High Level Speakers to inform the session about policies, national and regional achievements, challenges, realities and needs, as well as cooperative transnational and international actions and initiatives.
7. The operational approach proposed, based on existing policy documents, aims to enable an in-depth discussion on experiences gained and lessons learned at the national, regional and international levels on *“what works and what does not”*. The approach proposed aims - at the same time - to facilitate a *“forward-looking”* - practical - outcome by tasking the Commission to elaborate action-oriented recommendations on the way forward as well as by envisaging that salient issues raised during the High-Level workshops be reflected in *“chair’s summaries”* to be presented to the plenary.

## Proposed Draft Provisional agenda for UNGASS 2016

1. Opening of the session
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation
3. Credentials of representatives to the Special session
  - a. Appointment of the members of Credentials Committee
  - b. Report of the Credentials Committee
4. Elections
5. Report by the CND on its preparatory work
6. Organization of the session and adoption of the agenda
7. High Level Opening Statements <sup>(1)</sup>
  
8. **High Level General Debate : Assessing achievements and challenges in addressing the world drug problem at the national, regional and global levels - Towards Strengthening the operational implementation of the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action <sup>(2)</sup>**
  
9. **High Level workshops (*Committee of the Whole – in parallel to Plenary*)**
  - Workshop 1 on Demand reduction and related issues : “Drugs and Health”**
    - Part 1: Prevention, treatment; HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care
    - Part 2: Availability of controlled substances for medical purposes
  - Workshop 2 on Supply reduction and related measures and on Countering Money laundering and Promoting Judicial cooperation: “Drugs and Crime”**
    - Part 1: Domestic , regional and cross-regional responses to drugs-related crime, including judicial cooperation in criminal matters
    - Part 2: Addressing new challenges and emerging issues including New Psycho-Active Substances, Precursors and Cybercrime
  - Workshop 3 on Cross-cutting issues: “Drugs and Human Rights; Youth, Women, Children and Communities ”**
    - Part 1: Addressing drugs-related issues in full conformity with the purposes and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
    - Part 2: Drugs, Youth, Women, Children and Communities
  - Workshop 4 on “Drugs, sustainable development and international cooperation”**
    - Part 1: Drugs, addressing socio-economic issues and fostering sustainable development, including alternative development

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<sup>1</sup> It is proposed that the High Level Opening contains statements by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as Statements by a representative of the Scientific Community, the Youth and of NGOs

<sup>2</sup> High Level Speakers could include Member States’ Representatives, Heads of United Nations entities and specialized organizations, Heads of other international and regional organizations as well as high-level representatives of non-governmental organizations . Modalities would need to be further defined.

Part 2: Strengthening the principle of common and shared responsibility and enhancing international cooperation, including technical assistance, in follow-up to UNGASS 2016

10. **Conclusions - outcome of the Special Session** (*adoption of the action-oriented recommendations prepared by the CND and presentation of the summaries of the salient points discussed during the Workshops*)

11. Closure

### Proposed Draft Programme of Work for UNGASS 2016

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>
Morning (10 AM – 1 PM)	Opening  Opening statements  General Debate	/
Afternoon (3 PM – 6 PM)	General Debate ( <i>continued</i> ) <sup>(3)</sup> (*)	High Level Workshop 1

<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>
Morning (10 AM – 1 PM)	General Debate ( <i>continued</i> )	High Level Workshop 2
Afternoon (3 PM – 6 PM)	General Debate ( <i>continued</i> ) (*)	High Level Workshop 3

<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>
Morning (10 AM – 1 PM)	General Debate ( <i>continued</i> )	High Level Workshop 4
Afternoon (3 PM – 6 PM)	General Debate ( <i>continued</i> )  Conclusions – Outcome  Closure	/

<sup>3</sup> (\*) Efforts will be made, in close consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management Services, to try to make the necessary provisions to provide high-level speakers wishing to speak during the General Debate with a speaking slot.