

Decision

2011/257

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twentieth session and provisional agenda and documentation for its twenty-first session

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 28 July 2011, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twentieth session;¹

(b) Recalling its decision 2010/243 of 22 July 2010, decided that the prominent theme for the twenty-first session of the Commission would be “Violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families”;

(c) Bearing in mind the discussions of the Commission at its twentieth session on how to improve its methods of work:

(i) Decided that, for the future sessions of the Commission, starting with its twenty-first session, on an experimental basis, the part of the session held in the first half of the year would commence after a sufficient period of time, if possible at least two months, had elapsed following the closure of the part of the session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs held in the first half of the year, to allow both Member States and the Secretariat to prepare and conduct their work in a more efficient manner;

(ii) Noted with appreciation that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice had decided that, for the future sessions of the Commission, starting with its twenty-first session, on an experimental basis:

a. The firm deadline for the submission of draft resolutions to be considered at the part of the session held in the first half of the year would be one month prior to the commencement of that part of the session;

b. Member States were encouraged to take advantage of the one-month deadline to consider, where appropriate, merging or reducing the length of draft resolutions, with a view to enabling the Commission to address a reasonable number of draft resolutions and to increase the efficiency of its work;

(iii) Decided that the Secretariat would make the arrangements necessary for the adequate implementation of subparagraphs (c) (i) and (ii) above, in particular by ensuring that draft resolutions were made available in all six official languages at least three weeks before the start of the part of the session of the Commission held in the first half of the year;

(d) Taking note of and in order to further the objectives of General Assembly resolution 52/214 B of 22 December 1997, in which the Assembly had invited all intergovernmental bodies to

¹ *Ibid.*, 2011, *Supplement No. 10* (E/2011/30).

consider, where appropriate, the possibility of reducing the length of their reports from the desired limit of thirty-two pages to twenty pages over a period of time without adversely affecting either the quality of presentation or the content of the reports, decided that the Commission should make efforts to reduce the length of its annual reports, bearing in mind the need for such reports to include resolutions and decisions adopted or transmitted by the Commission at its sessions, as well as briefer summaries of its deliberations under each agenda item, focusing in particular on policy findings and conclusions reached;

(e) Welcomed the invitation of the Commission to the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to reflect further on the working methods of the Commission and to present its recommendations on this issue at the next session of the Commission;

(f) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-first session of the Commission as set out below:

Provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-first session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

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

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations

3. 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 United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Report by the Secretariat on progress made in the implementation of the integrated regional and thematic programme approach

Report by the Secretariat on the implementation of resolutions

Note by the Secretariat on the 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

Other reports of the Secretary-General or Executive Director in accordance with mandates

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

- 4. Thematic discussion on the theme “Violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families”.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat

- 5. Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice:

- (a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto;
- (b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption;
- (c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism;
- (d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters;
- (e) Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in combating transnational organized crime and corruption

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance in implementing the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses to violence against women

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the forensic field

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

Note by the Secretariat on the Fourth World Summit of Attorneys General, Prosecutors General and Chief Prosecutors in collaboration with the technical secretariat of the World Summit and the International Association of Prosecutors

6. World crime trends and emerging issues and responses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice responses to protect cultural property, especially with regard to its trafficking

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening public-private partnerships to counter crime in all its forms and manifestations

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Note by the Secretariat on patterns, forms and flows of trafficking in persons at all levels

Note by the Secretariat [as required]

7. Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

8. Use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice

Other reports of the Secretary-General or Executive Director in accordance with mandates

Report of the intergovernmental expert group on the revision of existing United Nations standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners

9. Provisional agenda for the twenty-second session of the Commission.
10. Other business.
11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-first session.