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**Social and human rights questions: narcotic drugs****Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Hamidon Ali (Malaysia), on the basis of informal consultations****Frequency and duration of the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1997/235 of 21 July 1997, as well as section XI of General Assembly resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006 and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 16/3 of 27 April 2007,<sup>1</sup> and taking note of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 52/13<sup>2</sup> and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 18/3, decides:<sup>3</sup>

(a) To establish a standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, whose mandate shall be in effect until the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in the first half of 2011, at which time the Commissions shall carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate, ~~and in this regard the open-ended working group should submit to the Commissions recommendations within the areas of their respective mandates.~~

(b) That, starting in 2010, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will hold reconvened sessions on an annual basis in the second half of the year;

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 10* (E/2007/30/Rev.1), chap. I, sect. D.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., 2009, *Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., *Supplement No. 10* (E/2009/30), chap. I, sect. D.



(c) That the annual reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will have a duration of one day each, unless the respective Commission decides otherwise in the preceding year;

(d) That the reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will be held back to back.

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