



**Preparations for the high-level segment
of the 52nd session of the Commission on
Narcotic Drugs**

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**Open-ended intergovernmental expert working
group on countering money-laundering and
promoting judicial cooperation**

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**Provisional agenda, annotations and proposed organization
of work**

Provisional agenda

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 - (iii) Vulnerabilities of the non-financial sector.
 - (b) In the field of promoting judicial cooperation
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- (ii) Mutual legal assistance;
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- 6. Conclusions and recommendations.
 - (a) In the field of countering money-laundering;
 - (b) In the field of promoting judicial cooperation.
- 7. Adoption of the report.

Annotations

1. Election of officers

Following the opening of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial, the meeting will elect its own bureau: Chairman, one Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Following the election of the Bureau, the meeting will adopt the agenda and the programme of work.

The provisional agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 51/4 “Preparations for the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, relating to the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly”, adopted on 14 March 2008.

In that resolution, the Commission decided to establish open-ended intergovernmental expert working groups to work in a coordinated manner, on the following topics:

- (a) Drug demand reduction;
- (b) Supply reduction;
- (c) Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation;
- (d) International cooperation on the eradication of illicit drug crops and on alternative development;
- (e) Control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants.

The Commission further decided that each of the working groups should meet once for three days to assess the achievement of the goals and targets set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, as well as areas requiring further action, and to draw conclusions for further intersessional discussions.

3. Significant and measurable results in the field of countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation

The open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation will review measurements taken by Member States since 1998 to achieve the goals and targets set at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly.

Documentation¹

Discussion note. Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation (E/CN.7/2009/EWG.2/2)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2 and Add.3 and 6)

Report of the Executive Director on the collection and use of complementary drug-related data and expertise to support the global assessment by Member States of progress achieved in implementing the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (E/CN.7/2008/8)

Report of the Executive Director on the collection and use of complementary drug-related data and expertise to support the global assessment by Member States of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (E/CN.7/2007/7)

Complementary drug-related data and expertise to support the global assessment by Member States of the implementation of the declarations and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (E/CN.7/2008/CRP.1-9)

4. Limitations and problems

The open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation will discuss the problems that Member States faced in implementing the UNGASS goals and targets. Furthermore, the group is expected to point out those goals and targets set at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly that have not been achieved by 2008.

Documentation¹

Discussion note. Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation (E/CN.7/2009/EWG.2/2)

Fifth report of the Executive Director on the world drug problem (E/CN.7/2008/2 and Add.3 and 6)

Thematic debate on the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: general overview and progress achieved by Governments in meeting the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session (E/2008/28, pp. 43-54).

Political Declaration on the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Countering the World Drug Problem Together (A/RES/S-20/2)

¹ Documentation will be available on the UNODC website (<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/UNGASS/01-Preparations.html>).

Measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem.
Countering money-laundering (A/RES/S-20/4, pp.17-20)

Measures to enhance international cooperation to counter the world drug problem.
Measures to promote judicial cooperation (A/RES/S-20/4, pp.13-17)

5. The way forward

The open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation is expected to identify elements that could guide international drug policies in the field of countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation beyond 2009, taking into consideration the discussions under items 3 and 4.

Documentation¹

Discussion note. Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation (E/CN.7/2009/EWG.2/2)

6. Conclusions and recommendations

The open-ended intergovernmental working group on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation is expected to submit a report to the intersessional meetings of the Commission.

Pursuant to Commission resolution 51/4, “intersessional meetings shall be held during the second half of 2008 to prepare recommendations for the decisions to be adopted by the Commission at its fifty-second session in 2009. The intersessional meetings should take into account, inter alia, the conclusions of the working groups in order to provide the material on which the drafting of the outcome for the high level segment can be based”.

In that resolution it was also decided that a political declaration and, as appropriate, other declarations and measures to enhance international cooperation should be considered and adopted by the high-level segment, identifying on the basis of the results of the review process, future priorities and areas requiring further action, as well as goals and targets to be set in countering the world drug problem beyond 2009.

7. Adoption of the report

It is expected that the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation will adopt its report containing conclusions and recommendations on 2 July 2008, the last day of the meeting.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 30 June 2008	10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Opening of the meeting
		1	Election of officers
		2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
		3a	Significant and measurable results in the field of countering money-laundering
		4a	Limitations and problems in the field of countering money-laundering
		5a	The way forward in the field of countering money-laundering
	3-6 p.m.	5a	The way forward in the field of countering money-laundering (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 1 July 2008	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3b	Significant and measurable results in the field of promoting judicial cooperation
		4b	Limitations and problems in the field of promoting judicial cooperation
	3-6 p.m.	5b	The way forward in the field of promoting judicial cooperation
		6a	Conclusions and recommendations in the field a money-laundering
Wednesday, 2 July 2008	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	6b	Conclusions and recommendations in the field of promoting judicial cooperation
		7	Adoption of the report
			Closing of the meeting