



Annual General Assembly of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs

Wednesday, 4th March 2020 16:00, Board Room D, 4th floor, C Building, VIC

ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA

Please note that members are invited to arrive and pick up their voting forms from 15:30, outside of the meeting venue.

1. Adoption of the Draft Agenda

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The [draft minutes](#) of the meeting held on 19 March 2019 have been circulated. The Committee is invited to review the draft, propose any amendments for consideration and approve the agreed draft as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Apologies for absence

To note any apologies for absence received by the Secretariat in advance of the meeting or received at the meeting.

5. Membership

To inform the Committee about the latest applications for membership and welcome new members.

6. Annual Report

The Committee is invited to review and approve the VNGOC [annual report](#) and reflect on activities for 2019 including those of the Civil Society Task Force (CSTF).

7. Financial Report 2019 and Budget 2020

The treasurer will inform the committee about the annual accounts for 2019 and the latest financial status. The Auditor will give a summary of the audited accounts for 2019. The treasurer will present the [budget for 2020](#) and the committee is invited to review and approve.

8. Code of Conduct for NGOs at the CND

The Committee is invited to approve the [document](#) circulated by the Board in November 2019 and approve to amend the [Rules of Procedure](#) as follows:

Article 2.5: "Member organizations in good standing are those member organizations that **abide by the "Voluntary Code of Conduct for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) at the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs",** and have paid the appropriate membership fee (or have submitted annual

membership commitment forms, where applicable) for the current year and the previous year.”

Article 4.5: “If a member organization is deemed to be violating the membership criteria and obligations as per the VNGOC Statutes, or is deemed to have brought VNGOC into disrepute **or to have violated the “Voluntary Code of Conduct for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) at the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs”**, they may be reported to the Board in writing by another member organization, or identified independently by the Board or VNGOC staff.

9. Proposal for VNGOC to join the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO)

The membership is invited to discuss and vote on whether or not VNGOC should become a Substantive Committee of the [CoNGO](#).

10. The Future of the VNGOC

In March 2019, the membership requested the Board to engage in a consultation period, and present a recommendation to the General Assembly by March 2020. The consultation has been held, and the [results](#) will be presented. The membership is then invited to consider the way forward from these three options:

- a) Maintain the status quo, with two separate and independent committees (VNGOC and NYNGOC);
- b) VNGOC Board to explore greater collaboration with NYNGOC, while maintaining two separate committees; or
- c) VNGOC Board to continue to pursue the possibility of one Global NGO Committee on Drugs – forming a working group to elaborate on how such a global committee could be formed, structured, managed and funded, which can then be brought back to the membership for further consideration.

11. UNODC update

To receive an update on developments within UNODC from the Civil Society Team and other sections of UNODC as appropriate.

12. Appointment of an auditor

To ask the membership for a nominee. The membership is then invited to confirm the auditor.

13. VNGOC Board elections

To conduct the elections according to the [VNGOC statutes](#) and the [Rules of Procedure](#), following the election procedure set by the Election Committee. The [candidates and election procedure](#) can be viewed on the VNGOC website, and elections will be held in the following order:

- a) Deputy Chairperson
- b) Treasurer
- c) Secretary

14. Appointment of a Nominations Committee

To ask the membership for nominees. The membership is then invited to confirm the nominations committee for the board elections in 2021.

15. Any other business

After the meeting we welcome you to the social gathering at 7.30 pm in „Augustinerkeller“, Augustinerplatz 1, 1010 Vienna.

Please RSVP at info@vngoc.org.