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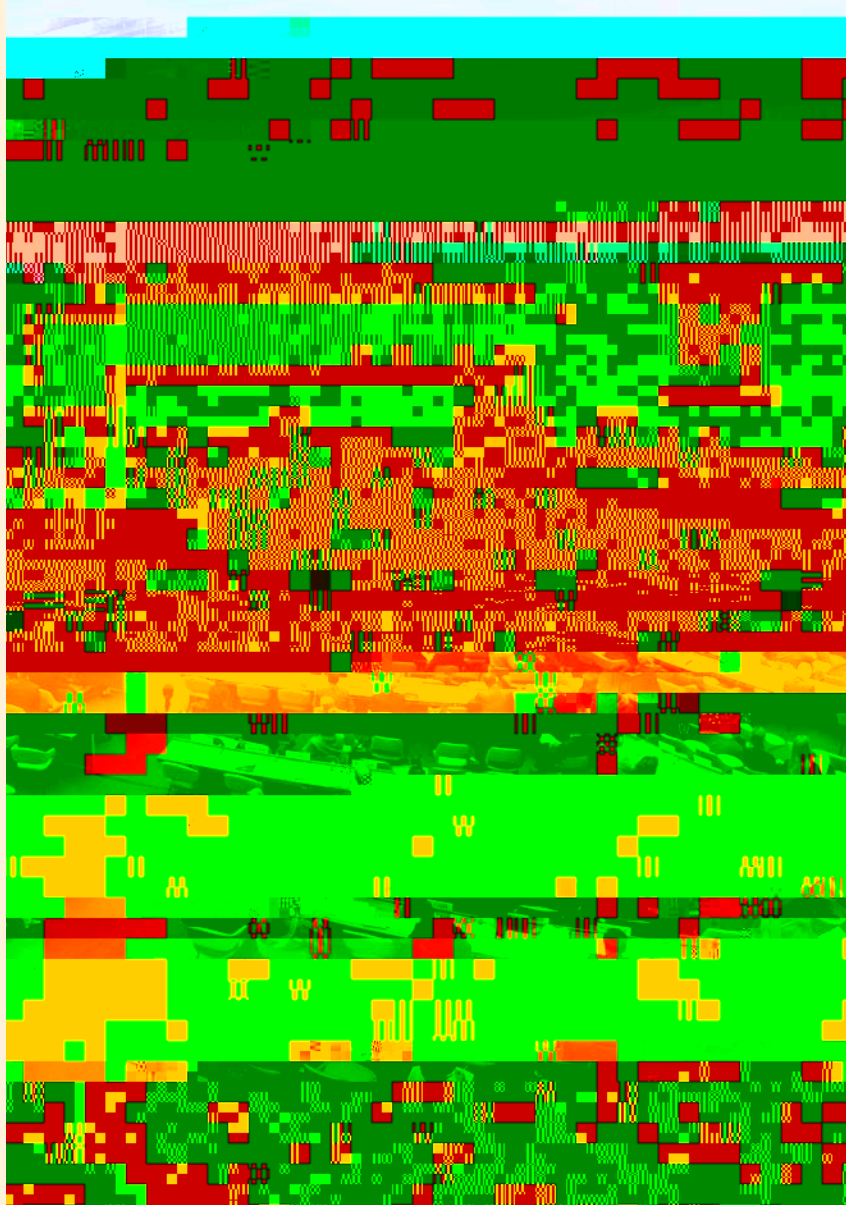
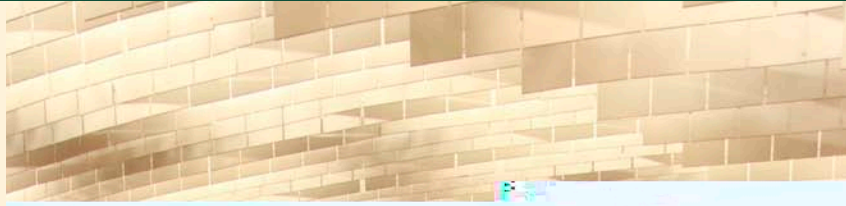
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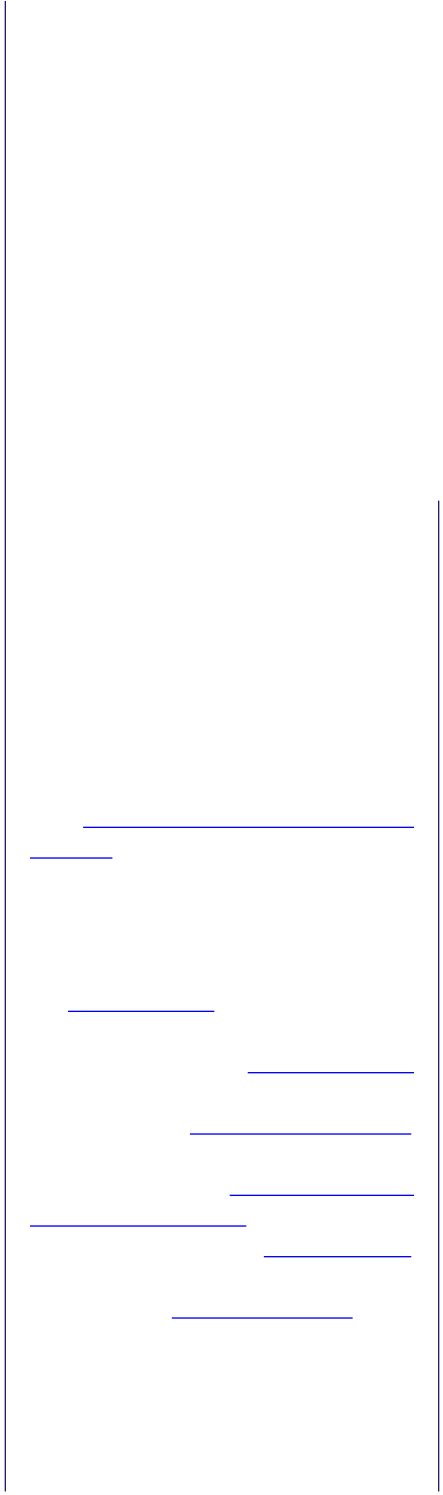
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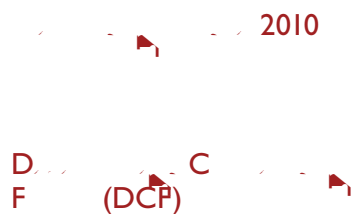




the 2008 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council", which was the theme of the Coordination Segment this year; and on the "role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow up to major United Nations conferences and sum-

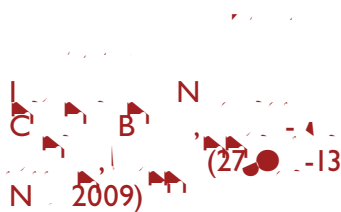
The Council recognized the critical importance of instituting structures and working modalities to ensure effective and coherent delivery of results. Executive Heads pointed out that further progress at





In the context of the preparations for the [2010 Development Cooperation Forum \(DCF\)](#), the first preparatory symposium, organized in cooperation with the Government of Austria, will take place in Vienna, 12-13 November 2009 under the overall theme, "[Accountable and transparent development cooperation: Towards a more inclusive framework](#)".

This first preparatory symposium will provide an important opportunity to bring together Southern and Northern policy-makers to exchange experience and identify practical challenges in making mutual accountability mechanisms work better at the global and at the country level and to discuss possible common standards in mutual accountability and aid transparency. The Vienna High-level Symposium will also include interactive discussions on how to improve information and analysis of South-South development cooperation flows, including how such cooperation can promote other types of financing for development from the perspective of developing countries.



The [International Narcotics Control Board \(INCB\)](#) will meet in its ninety-sixth session from 27 October to 13 November 2009.

At that session, the Board will adopt its annual report for 2009 which will be released early 2010.

In addition, through its Standing Committee on Estimates, the Board will review the supply and demand of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances used for medical purposes. The Board will examine the requirements of licit drugs for each country and, where necessary, make amendments to ensure that all patients in the world have access to the cure and care they need.

Since its last session in May 2009, the Board has sent missions to several countries, including Jordan, Spain and Sudan. The results of these missions will be presented and the Board will discuss ways to cooperate with those countries in their efforts to tackle illicit drug abuse and trafficking.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and representatives of the World Health Organization, the World Customs Organization and the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) are also expected to share their latest information with the Board.

The Vienna-based INCB is an independent body, established by the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs to monitor and promote Governments' compliance with the international drug control treaties. Its 13 members are elected by the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The current President of the Board is [Sevil Atasoy](#) (Turkey). Its members are: [Joseph Bediako Asare](#) (Ghana), [Tatyana Borisovna Dmitrieva](#) (Russian Federation), [Philip O. Emafo](#) (Nigeria), [Hamid Ghodse](#) (Iran, (Islamic Republic)), [Carola Lander](#) (Germany), [Melvyn Levitsky](#) (United States), [Sri Suryawati](#) (Indonesia), [Camilo Uribe Granja](#) (Colombia), [Brian Watters](#) (Australia), [Raymond Yans](#) (Belgium), [Xin Yu](#) (China), and [Jorge Montaño](#) (Mexico).







The [Commission on Narcotic Drugs](#) and the [Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice](#) will hold their reconvened fifty-second and reconvened eighteenth sessions in Vienna from 1 to 2 and from 3 to 4 December 2009, respectively. The main item on the agenda of the reconvened sessions is the consideration and approval of the technical cooperation budget of the United Nations drug control, and crime prevention and criminal justice programmes for the biennium 2010-2011.

Three out of the four subsidi