



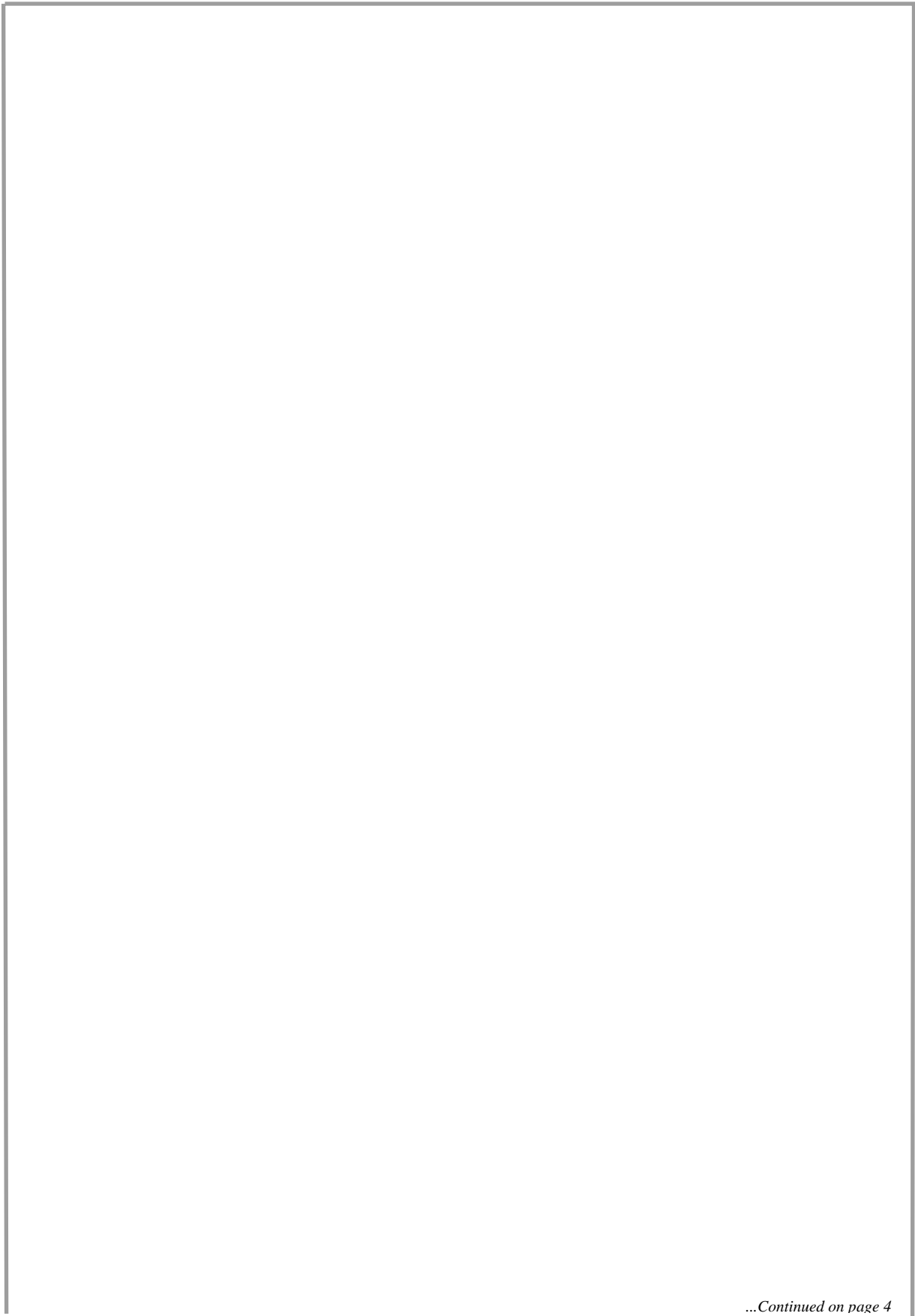
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B - SUBSIDIARY BODIES

At the outset of its ninety-second session (19-30 May 2008), the [International Narcotics Control Board \(INCB\)](#) elected Hamid Ghodse, who has been a member of the Board since 1992, as its President. The other members of the bureau are: Sevil Atasoy (First Vice-President), Camilo Uribe (Second Vice-President and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Estimates) and Maria-Elena Medina-Mora (Rapporteur).

The Board reviewed treaty compliance by Governments with the provisions of the three international drug control treaties. One focus of the session was to strengthen the control of chemicals used in the illicit manufacture of heroin. The Board decided to assist Afghanistan by requesting neighbouring countries to qilo7w(requesting61

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several recommendations which will be conveyed to the concerned Governments in the following weeks. The Board also examined follow-up action taken by the Governments of Bangladesh, Ghana, Mexico and the Russian Federation, after INCB missions had visited their countries in 2005. The Board decided to publish guidelines for Governments on matters related to Internet sites illegally selling internationally controlled substances.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime briefed the Board on the current situation in Afghanistan and the follow-up process to the final review of progress made and challenges since the convening of the Special Session of the General Assembly on drugs held in 1998. The review process was also discussed with the Chairman of the fifty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), Ambassador Eugenio Maria Curia of Argentina, during his meeting with the Board.

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