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**Addendum****Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime****A. Structure of the debate**

1. At its 1280th meeting, on 15 March, the Commission considered agenda item 8, entitled “Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”. For its consideration of the item, the Commission had before it the report of the Executive Director on development, security and justice for all (E/CN.7/2007/6-E/CN.15/2007/14).

2. An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs of UNODC. A statement was made by the representatives of Germany (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Canada. The observer for the African Union Commission also made a statement.

**B. Deliberations**

3. The representative of the Secretariat introduced the report of the Executive Director by pointing out that it provided a snapshot of the work done in the past year in areas such as demand reduction, supply reduction, legal assistance, alternative development and countering money-laundering. He highlighted the emerging and ongoing partnerships with the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Organization of American States and the African Union Commission.



4. Speakers welcomed the report of the Executive Director (E/CN.7/2007/6-E/CN.15/2007/14). They also welcomed the Executive Director's current reform initiatives aimed at fostering result-based management, thereby increasing transparency and accountability.
  5. Appreciation was also expressed for the efforts of UNODC to streamline its operations and activities within the framework of an integrated approach to tackling the problems of drugs and crime. It was emphasized that UNODC should maintain a balanced and integrated approach to dealing with the world drug problem, giving due consideration to supply and demand reduction, law enforcement activities and the promotion of public health.
  6. One key issue that was highlighted was the need for UNODC to focus on its core functions and not on issues that were peripheral and being dealt with by other United Nations entities.
  7. One speaker particularly appreciated the efforts made by UNODC to build up its own capacity, strengthening infrastructure needed to gather, analyse and disseminate relevant information while recognizing the challenges involved in the collection of data, in particular crime data.
  8. The observer for the African Union Commission praised regional partnerships in Africa for strengthening the rule of law, alternative development and capacity-building, based, inter alia, on the Programme of Action 2006-2010, on strengthening the rule of law and the criminal justice systems in Africa. It was noted that further efforts were under way to strengthen the strategic partnership between the African Union Commission and UNODC.
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