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### Commission on Narcotic Drugs

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**Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions**

#### **Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama: draft resolution**

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### **Support for the development and implementation of an integrated approach to programme development at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 63/197 of 18 December 2008, entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem”, and resolution 64/179 of 18 December 2009, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”,

*Recalling also* the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,<sup>1</sup> which provides a clear framework for the work of the Office,

*Recalling further* its resolution 2009/23 of 30 July 2009, entitled “Support for the development and implementation of the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, and its resolution 2010/20 of 22 July 2010,

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\* Reissued for technical reasons.

<sup>1</sup> Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/12, annex.



entitled “Support for the development and implementation of an integrated approach to programme development at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director on the development and implementation of the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the increased national ownership of and participation in regional programmes, and encourages Member States in other subregions to engage with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the preparation of similar subregional programmes;

3. *Welcomes* the launch of a new system to monitor programme and office performance of field offices, aimed at demonstrating corporate accountability through transparency and documented records, assisting both United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime headquarters and field offices in corporate oversight and quality assurance;

4. *Encourages* Member States to continue to support the regional and thematic programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime through unearmarked voluntary contributions, preferably through the general-purpose fund, thereby supporting national ownership and regional prioritization;

5. *Welcomes* the approval, in December 2010, by States members of the Central American Integration System, of the Santo Domingo Pact and the Central American Integration System and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Mechanism Interregional Initiative;

6. *Welcomes also* the launch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime regional programmes for the Arab States and West Africa, as well as the consolidation of the ongoing regional programmes for East Asia and the Pacific, South-Eastern Europe, Central America and the Caribbean and East Africa;

7. *Looks forward* to the development of regional programmes for Afghanistan and neighbouring countries and Southern Africa in the course of 2011;

8. *Welcomes* the establishment and launch of the centre of excellence in Panama on maritime security, the centre of excellence in Mexico on statistics on public security and the centre of excellence in the Dominican Republic on prison reform and drug demand reduction;

9. *Welcomes* the establishment of a centre of excellence on forensic analysis in Costa Rica, a centre of excellence on urban crime prevention in El Salvador, a centre of excellence on transnational organized crime in Guatemala and a centre of excellence on precursor control in Peru, as well as other centres of excellence and similar institutions in Member States in the Latin America and the Caribbean region;

10. *Notes* that the coherence of the regional and thematic programmes has been enhanced with a view to achieving the simplification of implementation modalities;

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<sup>2</sup> E/CN.7/2011/6-E/CN.15/2011/6.

11. *Supports* the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in leading the development of the integrated programme approach;
  12. *Encourages* increased joint activities among entities of the United Nations system, development agencies and regional organizations;
  13. *Encourages* Member States, where appropriate, to draw on the technical assistance activities outlined in the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and use the regional programmes as a vehicle for increasing regional cooperation on thematic strategies;
  14. *Encourages* the progressive establishment and implementation of a United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime programme for the Americas, to be based in Panama City;
  15. *Encourages* bilateral and multilateral aid agencies and financial institutions to continue to support the implementation of regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
  16. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to give high priority and support to the implementation of the integrated programme, apprise the open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of progress made, and report on progress made in such implementation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fifty-fifth session and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twenty-first session.
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