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Addendum

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

1. At its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 13 March, the Commission considered agenda item 3, which read as follows:

“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.

“(a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives;

“(b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

“(i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

“(ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions.”



2. For its consideration of item 3, the Commission had before it the following:
 - (a) Report of the Executive Director on activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2012/3-E/CN.15/2012/3);
 - (b) Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (E/CN.7/2012/6-E/CN.15/2012/6);
 - (c) Note by the Secretariat on the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2012/12-E/CN.15/2012/12);
 - (d) Report of the Secretariat on the implementation of resolutions and decisions relating to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime adopted during the period 2008-2011 in which action by the Office was requested (E/CN.7/2012/15);
 - (e) Report on the reconvened fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/2011/28/Add.1-E/CN.7/2011/15/Add.1);
 - (f) Note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework 2014-2015 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (E/CN.7/2012/CRP.2).
3. At the 2nd meeting, the Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) made an introductory statement. The representative of Spain, speaking as Co-Chair of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime also made an introductory statement.
4. Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Japan, Canada and the Russian Federation. Statements were also made by the observers for Nicaragua, Morocco, Norway, Argentina and Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States).

A. Deliberations

5. Several speakers recognized the progress made by UNODC in creating an integrated approach by further developing effective regional programmes, and underlined the need for adequate, predictable and sustainable funding, while supporting the planned formulation of a fund-raising strategy.
6. Speakers welcomed the regional programme for Afghanistan and neighbouring countries, the Container Control Programme and the extension of the global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends (SMART) programme to the Americas. Examples of successful international cooperation that were mentioned included the West Africa Coast Initiative and cooperation with the Economic Community of West African States in support of the Regional Action Plan to Address the Growing Problem of Illicit Drug Trafficking, Organized Crime and Drug Abuse in West Africa for the period 2008-2011.
7. Several delegations noted the role of UNODC as Co-Chair of the United Nations system task force on transnational organized crime and drug trafficking as

threats to security and stability and underlined the importance of inter-agency cooperation.

8. Appreciation was expressed by a number of speakers for the internal guidance note on protection and promotion of human rights and the establishment of a UNODC human rights advisory group aiming at mainstreaming human rights into the operational work of the Office.

9. Several delegations stressed the importance of research, trend analysis and evaluation. Note was taken of the efforts made by UNODC to implement the recommendations made by oversight bodies and to establish a culture of evaluation through the work of the Independent Evaluation Unit, while enhancing transparency and accountability.

10. The importance of strategic planning, monitoring, result-based management and easily accessible reporting was underlined. Several speakers welcomed the strategy for the period 2012-2015 for UNODC and called for prioritization of the activities of the Office in line with that document. Given the similarities between the strategy and the two biennial programme plans (for 2012-2013 and 2014-2015), delegations underlined that those documents should be aligned.

11. Several delegations welcomed the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and said that they looked forward to further discussions within the working group, including on the regional and thematic programmes of UNODC. It was also noted that, while the working group had facilitated discussion and mutually satisfactory outcomes, it was still possible to achieve further results. In addition, it was also mentioned that the sessions of the Commission would remain the main forum for discussing the governance and financial situation of UNODC.

12. A few delegations expressed concern about the impact of budgetary restrictions on the length and the availability in the official languages of the United Nations of reports of the Commission and its intergovernmental and expert working groups and called for creative and cost-effective solutions to the matter.

13. Several proposals were made to improve the financial situation of UNODC, such as seeking greater private sector support, taking on new commitments only with the standard programme support charge of 13 per cent and introducing general-purpose requirements in the budget of programmes.

B. Action taken by the Commission

14. At the 2nd meeting on 13 March 2012, and pursuant to its resolution 52/13, the Commission endorsed the nomination of Maria Oyeyinka Laose (Nigeria) to replace Taous Feroukhi (Algeria) and renewed the mandate of Ignacio Baylina Ruíz (Spain) and Maria Oyeyinka Laose (Nigeria) as Co-Chairs of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime until the part of the session of the Commission to be held in the first half of 2013.

15. At the same meeting, the Commission considered the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 and made the following comments:

(a) If possible, subprogrammes 8 and 9 of programme 13 of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog.13)) need to be reflected in the strategy for the period 2012-2015 for UNODC;

(b) Performance indicators should be provided for drug supply reduction measures.
