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Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice: ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism

Hungary: draft resolution**

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice recommends to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly:

Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming all General Assembly and Security Council resolutions related to technical assistance in countering terrorism,

Stressing again the need to strengthen international, regional and subregional cooperation to effectively prevent and combat terrorism, in particular by enhancing the national capacity of States through the provision of technical assistance,

Recalling its resolution 65/232 of 21 December 2010, in which it reiterated its request to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to enhance its technical assistance to Member States, upon request, to strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism through the facilitation of the ratification and implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism,

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** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union.



Recalling also its resolution 64/297 of 8 September 2010, in which it reaffirmed the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy¹ and underlined the importance of greater cooperation among United Nations entities and of the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system, as well as the need to promote transparency and to avoid duplication,

Reiterating the commitments undertaken by Member States to continue to implement all aspects of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, which, inter alia, reaffirms respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of countering terrorism,

Reaffirming its resolution 65/221 of 21 December 2010, in which it encouraged relevant United Nations bodies and entities and international, regional and subregional organizations that provide technical assistance related to the prevention and suppression of terrorism to step up their efforts to ensure respect for international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law, as well as the rule of law, as an element of technical assistance,

Reconfirming its resolution 65/232 of 21 December 2010, in which it expressed deep concern about the connections, in some cases, between some forms of transnational organized crime and terrorism, emphasized the need to enhance cooperation at the national, subregional, regional and international levels in order to strengthen responses to this evolving challenge and stressed the need to work collectively to prevent and combat transnational organized crime, corruption and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Reiterating that it is the primary responsibility of Member States to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and further recognizing the need to enhance the important role the United Nations plays, in coordination with other international, regional and subregional organizations, in facilitating coherence in the implementation of the Strategy at the national, regional and global levels and in providing assistance, especially in the area of capacity-building,

1. *Urges* Member States that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the existing international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, in particular the most recent ones, including the Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation and the Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, both adopted on 10 September 2010, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within its mandate, in close coordination with the relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to continue to provide technical assistance to Member States for the ratification and legislative incorporation of those international legal instruments;

2. *Urges* Member States to continue to strengthen international coordination and cooperation in order to prevent and combat terrorism, including, when appropriate, by entering into bilateral and multilateral treaties on extradition and mutual legal assistance, in accordance with international law and international legal obligations, and to ensure adequate training of all relevant personnel in executing international cooperation, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and

¹ General Assembly resolution 60/288.

Crime, within its mandate, to provide technical assistance to Member States to that end, including by continuing and enhancing its assistance for the development and reinforcement of effective mechanisms and platforms for international cooperation in criminal matters to counter terrorism;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the development and maintenance of fair and effective criminal justice systems, in accordance with applicable international law, as a fundamental basis of any strategy to counter terrorism, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, whenever appropriate, to take into account in its technical assistance to counter terrorism and related criminal activities the elements necessary for building national capacity in order to strengthen criminal justice systems and the rule of law;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within its mandate, to continue to develop specialized legal knowledge in the area of counter-terrorism and pertinent thematic areas of relevance to the mandates of the Office, including nuclear, chemical, biological and radiological terrorism, transportation-related terrorist offences, the financing of terrorism, the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes and the role of victims in criminal proceedings pertaining to terrorist acts;

5. *Calls upon* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to continue to provide technical assistance for building the capacity of Member States to ratify and implement the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, including through the preparation of technical tools, publications and initiatives, such as the *Digest of Terrorist Cases* and the *Counter-Terrorism Legal Training Curriculum*, and the training of criminal justice officials;

6. *Urges* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to strengthen its cooperation with international organizations and relevant entities of the United Nations system, as well as with regional and subregional organizations and arrangements, in the delivery of technical assistance, whenever appropriate;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to give high priority to the implementation of an integrated approach through the promotion of its regional and thematic programmes and to draw on its complementary mandates in areas of related criminal activities;

8. *Encourages* Member States to cooperate and to address, as appropriate, including through the effective exchange of information and sharing of experiences, connections between terrorism and related criminal activities in order to enhance criminal justice responses to terrorism, and calls upon the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within its relevant mandates, to support the efforts of Member States in this regard, upon request;

9. *Expresses its appreciation* to all Member States that have supported the technical assistance activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including through financial contributions, and invites all Member States to consider making additional voluntary financial contributions, as well as providing in kind support, especially in view of the need for enhanced and effective delivery of

technical assistance to assist Member States with the implementation of relevant provisions of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;²

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with sufficient resources to carry out activities, within its mandate, including in the area of counter-terrorism, to assist Member States, upon request, in the implementation of the relevant elements of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

² Ibid.