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Proposed programme budget for 2025

### United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/79/L.10/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

#### I. Introduction

1. At its 52nd meeting, on 18 November 2024, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/79/L.10/Rev.1 without a vote. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee (A/C.3/79/L.66).

#### II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 26 of draft resolution A/C.3/79/L.10/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

Request the Secretary-General to increase the United Nations grant for the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to fully cover the staffing costs of core Professional staff in order to implement its core mandate and activities without constraints and avoiding the high turnover of Professional-level staff due to financial unpredictability of the Institute.

# III. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2025

3. The mandate contained in draft resolution A/C.3/79/L.10/Rev.1 requires additional regular budget support for the deliverables and activities of the Institute





under programme 18, Economic and social development in Africa (A/79/6 (Sect.18)) of the proposed programme budget for 2025.

## IV. Deliverables and activities required to implement the mandate contained in the draft resolution

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraph 26 of the draft resolution, it is the understanding of the Secretariat that the draft resolution should be interpreted as a request to increase the grant to the Institute in order to fully cover the costs of the five core Professional staff of the Institute for 2025 onwards.

5. The Institute assists States in developing policies and programmes for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders within the context of overall national development planning. The Institute benefits from two main sources of funding: an annual grant from the United Nations regular budget and annual contributions from the Institute's member States that have acceded to the Statute of the Institute (currently 29 member States). In addition, the Institute can benefit from donations and other support mechanisms from its donors and partners.

6. The staff of the Institute ensure the implementation of the Institute's programme of work, including through the conduct of research, the provision of training to law enforcement authorities and the promotion of innovation in the methods of preventing emerging crimes. The staff also support coordination activities with States, international organizations and universities and manage a digital library to make resources available online to stakeholders. The five core Professional staff that are proposed to be fully funded by a grant from the regular budget are directly responsible for the substantive actions and activities to ensure the implementation of the strategic plan of the Institute for the period 2024–2028 (see annex).

#### V. Budgetary implications

7. In order to implement the mandate contained in operative paragraph 26 of the draft resolution, the Institute would require an additional amount of \$309,700 per year to augment the current grant to the Institute, which is currently proposed at \$154,500 in the proposed programme budget for 2025.

Core staff position at the Institute	Proposed grant for 2025 (United States dollars) <sup>a</sup>
Director General	122 700
Deputy Director General	101 900
Director of Training and Programs	84 700
Director of Research and Documentation	84 700
Administrative/Finance Officer	70 200
Total annual cost of core staff	464 200
Grant currently proposed in the proposed programme budget for 2025	154 500
Additional grant required	309 700
Total amount of grant required	464 200

8. Details of the requirements are provided in the table.

 $^{a}$  The proposed amounts are based on the salary levels of the Institute and are set out in document A/79/247.

#### VI. Summary of resource requirements

9. The budgetary implications for 2025 amount to \$309,700, as shown in the table above. An amount of \$154,500 has already been included in the proposed programme budget for 2025 as a grant to the Institute under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa. That amount of \$154,500 currently proposed, along with an additional grant of \$309,700, would allow the Institute to fully cover the staffing costs of its core Professional staff, which amount to \$464,200 per year.

#### VII. Potential for absorption during 2025

10. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2025 for the implementation of the mandate contained in the draft resolution. At this stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant section of the proposed programme budget for 2025 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2025. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources, be provided through an additional appropriation for 2025.

#### VIII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

11. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/79/L.10/Rev.1, additional recurrent resource requirements in the amount of \$309,700 would arise under grants and contributions of section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, of the proposed programme budget for 2025, and the General Assembly would be requested to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$309,700, representing a potential charge against the contingency fund.

#### Annex

The core staff the United Nations African institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, consisting of five Professional staff that are proposed to be fully funded by a grant from the regular budget, are directly responsible for the following substantive actions and activities to ensure implementation of the strategic plan of the Institute for the period 2024–2028:

- Design action-oriented research on matters of crime prevention and criminal justice
- Provide technical advice intended to make justice systems in Africa more accountable, effective and independent
- Promote the adoption of innovation in the prevention of crime and juvenile delinquency
- Provide technical advice in policy formulation and legitimization
- Develop effective legal frameworks, policies and programmes tackling transnational organized crime
- Design systems to enable the detection, investigation, prosecution and adjudication of organized crime
- Design and carry out action-oriented research on environmental and natural resources crimes
- Establish mechanisms to monitor trends and patterns of organized crime
- Develop strategies to prevent and counter cybercrime and other related crimes
- Strengthen and reform judicial legal and security systems as they relate to women's and girls' access to justice and gender equality