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Thirty-seventh report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for 2025

I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General ([A/C.5/79/22](#)), in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, on the programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.3/79/L.10/Rev.1](#) on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI). During its consideration of the statement, the Committee was provided with additional information and clarifications, concluding with written responses received on 5 December 2024.

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 Institute 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.

3. The statement of the Secretary-General provides information on: (a) the relationship between the proposed request and the programme budget for 2025 (*ibid.*, para. 3); (b) the deliverables and activities by which the proposed request would be implemented (*ibid.*, paras. 4–6); (c) the budgetary implications of the proposal (*ibid.*, paras. 7–8); and (d) a summary of the related resource requirements and the potential for their absorption during 2025 (*ibid.*, paras. 9–10).



II. Resource requirements

4. For 2025, the implementation of the mandate contained in the draft resolution would require additional regular budget support for the Institute, equivalent to an increase in funding sufficient to cover the costs of the five core Professional staff of UNAFRI, in addition to the grant already budgeted under section 18, Economic and Social Development in Africa, of the proposed programme budget for 2025. The Secretary-General indicates that this would require an increase of the level of \$154,500 of the grant already proposed for UNAFRI for 2025 by an additional amount of \$309,700, resulting in a total annual grant level of \$464,200 going forward. It was confirmed to the Advisory Committee, upon enquiry, that the request contained in the draft resolution was interpreted by the Secretary-General as a one-time request to cover the current number of core Professional staff as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Institute (A/79/247).

5. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that UNAFRI has two main sources of funding: an annual grant from the regular budget of the United Nations and annual assessed contributions from the Institute's member States that have acceded to the statute of the Institute (currently 29 member States); the Institute may also receive voluntary contributions. The Committee notes from the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Institute (ibid.) that the balance of outstanding assessed contributions by the 29 member States of the Institute amounted, as at 31 May 2024, to \$17.1 million for the period 1989–2024, or 66 per cent of the expected amount of \$26 million (ibid., para. 27). The Committee also notes that, during the period 2022–2023, 4 of the 29 member States paid their assessed contributions and 8 paid their arrears (ibid., para. 25). **The Advisory Committee trusts that all member States will endeavour to fulfil their financial obligations, including the payment of annual assessed contributions and any arrears, on time and in full.**

6. With regard to voluntary contributions, the Advisory Committee was informed that UNAFRI has been boosting fundraising efforts through advocacy visits to its member States, outreach to non-members of the Institute and engagement with the Economic Commission for Africa for broader support. The Committee was also provided with a list of contributions received by the Institute for the period 2020–2024, as outlined in the table below.

Voluntary contributions to the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, 2020–2024

<i>Member State</i>	<i>2020 collection</i>	<i>2021 collection</i>	<i>2022 collection</i>	<i>2023 collection</i>	<i>2024 collection</i>	<i>Total</i>
Kenya	–	191 091.25	60 316.50	–	–	251 407.75
Libya	–	–	452 410.00	226 205.00	–	678 615.00
Malawi	47 428.40	26 364.05	14 366.55	–	–	88 159.00
Morocco	301 593.50	150 790.50	–	150 790.50	150 790.50	753 965.00
Mozambique	11 524.00	–	–	–	–	11 524.00
Nigeria	–	903 234.99	–	332 111.58	–	1 235 346.57
Senegal	–	25 877.36	–	–	–	25 877.36
Seychelles	–	25 033.00	25 033.00	25 034.00	25 034.00	100 134.00
United Republic of Tanzania	–	234 628.79	50 022.80	24 386.27	–	309 037.86
Uganda	43 350.74	50 704.94	46 354.08	46 179.02	22 421.00	209 009.78

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Democratic Republic of the Congo	—	—	150 185.50	50 066.00	—	200 251.50
Total	403 896.64	1 607 724.88	798 688.43	854 772.37	198 245.5	3 863 327.82

7. **The Advisory Committee expresses its appreciation for the voluntary support already provided to the Institute and encourages UNAFRI to undertake all efforts necessary in order to broaden its donor base.**

8. In respect of collaboration with United Nations entities, the Advisory Committee, upon request, was informed that UNAFRI collaborates with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in crime prevention and offender treatment through joint activities, including utilizing UNODC training materials and participating in thematic discussions, regional and multi-stakeholder engagements and annual meetings of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. UNAFRI contributes to events such as the Fifteenth Crime Congress, to be held in 2026, and benefits from capacity-building support, including expert facilitators and cybercrime consultants provided by UNODC. **The Advisory Committee, noting the synergies resulting from the collaboration between the Institute and UNODC, trusts that UNAFRI will actively strengthen its cooperation with other relevant United Nations entities, with a view to exploring further access to capacity-building and alternative arrangements in support of its initiatives.**

III. Conclusion

9. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are contained in paragraph 11 of the statement of the Secretary-General ([A/C.5/79/22](#)). **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution [A/C.3/79/L.10/Rev.1](#), additional recurrent resource requirements of \$309,700 would arise under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, of the proposed programme budget for 2025 and would require an additional appropriation for 2025 to be approved by the Assembly, representing a potential charge against the contingency fund.**