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Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Egypt, France and Nigeria: draft resolution

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

Implementation of technical assistance projects in Africa by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in which heads of State and Government pledged to support the consolidation of democracy in Africa and to assist Africans in their struggle for lasting peace, poverty eradication and sustainable development, thereby bringing Africa into the mainstream of the world economy,¹

Concerned by the fact that Africa has in recent years become an important zone of transit, trafficking and abuse of drugs, and trafficking in firearms and human beings, and bearing in mind that some African countries are facing post-conflict instability,

Welcoming the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, entitled "Development, security and justice for all",² which underlined that drug abuse and trafficking, organized crime, corruption, terrorism and the spread of HIV/AIDS have all impeded sustainable development in Africa,

Mindful of the difficulties encountered by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the implementation of its projects in Africa,

¹ General Assembly resolution 55/2, para. 27.

² E/CN.15/2004/2.



1. *Reaffirms* that recent developments call for particular attention, especially in the fight against drugs and crime;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to donor countries that have supported projects related to drug and crime issues on the African continent through their voluntary contributions to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, invites them to continue their effort and invites other potential donor countries to provide similar support;
3. *Welcomes* the efforts of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to improve the implementation of its projects in Africa, both at headquarters and in the field, and encourages the Office to continue those efforts;
4. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to produce a concept paper analysing the current situation with respect to major drug and crime issues affecting the African continent, their impact upon present developmental challenges and how activities to combat drug and crime abuse can improve prospects for sustainable development in Africa, and to propose policy directives, strategies and priority focus to gain support for assistance to sub-Saharan Africa;
5. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary funds, to promote an exchange of views, for instance by organizing a round table, among interested Member States, relevant agencies and institutes providing technical assistance to Africa in order to discuss ways:
 - (a) To reduce the vulnerability created by widespread criminality in order to achieve economic growth and sustainable development;
 - (b) To readjust the current development policies of bilateral and multilateral donors in order to provide appropriate responses to drug and crime issues through strong partnership in the context of the New Partnership for Africa's Development or of regional organizations;
 - (c) To redirect adequate resources, including official development assistance, that could lead to considerable improvements in the fight against drugs and crime and in strengthening criminal justice institutions;
6. *Requests* Member States in the African region where projects are being implemented to mobilize national stakeholders and to make every effort to facilitate the implementation of such projects;
7. *Invites* Member States to promote synergies between technical assistance provided by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and bilateral and regional cooperation activities in the African region, in particular in the context of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;
8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourteenth session.