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**Strengthening the drug programme of the  
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime  
and the role of the Commission on Narcotic  
Drugs as its governing body**

**Luxembourg:\* draft resolution**

### **Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as one of its governing bodies**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 46/185 C of December 1991, in which the Assembly established the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and expanded the mandate of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to enable it to function as the governing body of the Programme and its Fund,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 44/16, 45/17, 46/8 and 47/3, in which it called for continued improvement in management and a strengthened dialogue with Member States, in order to contribute to enhanced and sustainable programme delivery,

*Noting* that good management contributes to assured and predictable funding and vice versa,

1. *Welcomes* the ongoing process of reform of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, designed to create more effective and efficient organizational practices, and invites the Office to continue to foster a culture of continuous improvement in management practices;

2. *Asserts* that the strength of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime will continue to stem from well-motivated, dedicated staff of the highest

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



competence and integrity, representing wide geographical distribution and gender balance, and therefore requests the Executive Director to ensure that recruitment, selection and appraisal systems reflect this and reward best practice;

3. *Stresses* that the country and regional offices of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime play an essential role in programme delivery and that their effective functioning depends, inter alia, on their receiving the necessary administrative and managerial support, and requests the Executive Director to ensure that such support is given;

4. *Welcomes* the reports from the Independent Evaluation Unit, and encourages the implementation of the recommendations contained therein;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that evaluation becomes an integral part of the design, monitoring and implementation of the projects of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and looks forward to a greater focus on project impact in the evaluation work;

6. *Welcomes* the recent establishment of the Strategic Planning Unit in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and looks forward to the production of a medium-term strategy to give focus and direction to programme formulation and overall service delivery within the mandate of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and in accordance with terms of reference decided by the Member States;

7. *Also welcomes* the ongoing review of financial management, hopes that it will allow the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States to assess the cost, impact and effectiveness of operational activities in an open manner and contribute to the full introduction of result-based budgeting, and looks forward to the continued development of the system, including the implementation of result-based management;

8. *Supports* the efforts of the Executive Director, in particular in forming of partnerships with international organizations and other international entities, to ensure that issues relating to the world drug problem become an integral part of the sustainable development agenda;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to it, at its forty-ninth session, on further progress made in implementing management and budgetary change.