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The Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

Bearing in mind that matters relating to technical assistance should be addressed primarily by the Conference of the Parties,

(a) Decides to establish an open-ended interim working group, chaired by a member of the bureau, in accordance with article 32, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,¹ and rule 2, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, to advise and assist it in the implementation of its mandate on technical assistance;

(b) Requests the secretariat to continue to develop an information base for assessing challenges in implementing the Convention and its Protocols, through analytical reports prepared by the secretariat on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto based on information provided by States parties and signatories in response to the questionnaires sent to them by the secretariat, requests from States for technical assistance and lessons learned from assistance previously rendered;

(c) Decides that the open-ended interim working group shall perform the following functions:

- (i) Review needs for technical assistance in order to assist the Conference of the Parties on the basis of the information bases established by the secretariat;
- (ii) Provide guidance on priorities based on multi-year programmes approved by the Conference of the Parties and its directives;

¹ General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex I.



(iii) Take into consideration, as appropriate and readily available, information on technical assistance projects and priorities of the United Nations, States and other international organizations, in the areas covered by the Convention and the Protocols thereto;

(iv) Facilitate mobilization of potential resources;

(d) Requests the secretariat, on the basis of guidance provided by the open-ended interim working group, to develop projects to address the needs identified, taking into consideration equitable geographical distribution and different legal systems as appropriate;

(e) Decides that the open-ended interim working group shall meet during the third session of the Conference of the Parties and, within existing resources, shall hold at least one intersessional meeting before the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties shall take a decision on the open-ended interim working group at its fourth session, in 2008 [, when a full review shall take place to ascertain the most effective methods of addressing the issue of technical assistance];

(f) Requests the secretariat to assist the open-ended interim working group in the performance of its functions.
