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Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Nigeria:* revised draft resolution

Support to the development and implementation of the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 63/197 of 18 December 2008, entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem”,

Recalling also the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,¹ which provides a clear framework for the work of the Office,

1. *Welcomes* the adoption by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of a regional approach for programming based on consultation and partnership at the national and regional levels and focused on ensuring that the Office responds in a sustainable and coherent manner to the priorities of Member States;
2. *Notes* the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime aimed at achieving a stronger working relationship with other entities of the United Nations system, including the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank;
3. *Welcomes* the recent outcomes of the ministerial and expert meetings held for the subregions of East Africa, West Africa, East Asia and the Pacific and the

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

¹ Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/12, annex.



Caribbean, at which programmes were discussed and agreement was reached on the way forward;

4. *Looks forward* to receiving the outcomes of the subregional meetings for Central America and South-Eastern Europe that will take place in the near future;

5. *Encourages* Member States from other subregions to engage with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the preparation of similar subregional programmes;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that have hosted regional conferences and expert group meetings and to Governments that have provided financial support to make those conferences and meetings possible;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to make every effort to ensure an effective process of consultation for the regional programmes and to ensure that such programmes are distributed as widely as possible;

8. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to enhance, in a coordinated manner, its efforts in providing technical assistance and advisory services for the implementation of regional programmes;

9. *Encourages* all Member States to draw, where appropriate, upon the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the technical assistance activities outlined therein, in the development of national legislation, procedures, policies and strategies to strengthen criminal justice systems and related institutions;

10. *Invites* all Member States, as well as subregional and regional institutions, to mainstream measures to counter organized crime, corruption and illicit drugs in their national and regional development strategies, in accordance with the relevant international conventions, and to make every effort to allocate resources for their implementation;

11. *Encourages* bilateral and multilateral aid agencies and financial institutions to support the implementation of the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

12. *Invites* relevant entities of the United Nations system, including the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, as well as other international agencies and organizations, to continue coordinating with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in order to support the implementation of the regional programmes and to integrate crime prevention and drug control measures in their development programmes;

13. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to give high priority to the implementation of the regional programmes and to report on progress made on such implementation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at their sessions to be held in the first half of 2011.