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Policy directives for the crime programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as its governing body, including administrative, strategic management and budgetary questions and follow-up on resolutions

Argentina and Czech Republic*** draft resolution**

Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Recalling its decision 17/2,

Recalling also the report of the Executive Director on the financial issues and difficulties faced by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in implementing its mandates and an initial assessment of the ways and means of improving the financial situation,¹ the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime² and the financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 and the report of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,³

* E/CN.15/2009/1 and Corr.1.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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

¹ E/CN.7/2008/11–E/CN.15/2008/15.

² MECD-2006-003.

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 5I (A/63/5/Add.9).*



Reaffirming the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as the principal United Nations policymaking organ on matters of international crime prevention and criminal justice and as the governing body of the crime programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

Noting with concern the financial challenges of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as set out in the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the Office,⁴ in particular the shortfall in general-purpose funding,

1. *Adopts* the recommendations of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, contained in the annex to the present resolution, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Decides* to establish a standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on governance and finance, whose mandate shall be in effect until the session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to be held in the first half of 2011, at which time the Commission shall carry out a thorough review of the functioning of the working group and consider the extension of its mandate;

3. *Emphasizes* that the working group, in its formal and informal meetings, should be a forum for dialogue among Member States and between Member States and the Secretariat on the development of the programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

4. *Recommends*, with regard to the recommendation contained in paragraph 10 of the report of the Secretariat on the recommendations of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,⁵ through the Economic and Social Council, that the General Assembly, as part of the budget process for the biennium 2010-2011, should reallocate available resources in such a way that reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice can be held back to back in the second half of each year, in order to consider the reports of and recommendations proposed by the working group;

5. *Decides* that the working group shall hold at least two formal meetings, one in the third quarter of 2009 and one in the first quarter of 2010 and that the dates of those and possible additional informal meetings shall be determined by the co-chairpersons of the working group, in consultation with the Secretariat;

6. *Requests* that the relevant documentation be provided to the working group in a timely manner and approves the provisional agenda of the working group as follows:

1. Consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
2. Governance and financial situation of the Office.
3. Evaluation and oversight.

⁴ E/CN.7/2009/11–E/CN.15/2009/11.

⁵ E/CN.7/2009/10–E/CN.15/2009/10.

4. Other matters.

7. *Decides* to base the work of the working group on existing documents of the United Nations, including the thematic and regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as well as on briefings by the Secretariat and additional information provided by the Secretariat in the form of conference room papers, in order to be cost-effective;

8. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide the necessary assistance to facilitate the work of the working group, bearing in mind the limited resources available to the Secretariat;

9. *Calls upon* Member States to engage, within the framework of the working group, in a pragmatic, result-oriented, efficient and cooperative manner, in order to achieve the common objective of strengthening the performance and effectiveness of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Annex

Recommendations of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

[Recommendations of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime contained in the report of the Secretariat^a shall be inserted in the annex to the resolution in the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eighteenth session.]

^a E/CN.7/2009/10–E/CN.15/2009/10.