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**World crime trends and responses: integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice: work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in facilitating the ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism**

#### **Austria, Italy and Switzerland: draft resolution**

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

#### **Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* all General Assembly and Security Council resolutions related to technical assistance in countering terrorism,

*Stressing* the essential need to strengthen international, regional and subregional cooperation to effectively prevent and suppress terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, whenever and for whatever purposes, in particular by enhancing the national capacity of States through the provision of technical assistance,

*Reaffirming* the commitments undertaken by Member States in the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 60/288 of 8 September 2006,

*Recalling* its resolution 62/272 of 5 September 2008, in which it called upon Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and



subregional organizations to step up their efforts to implement the Strategy in an integrated manner and in all its aspects and reaffirmed the need to enhance international cooperation in countering terrorism,

*Recalling also* its resolution 63/195 of 18 December 2008, in which it requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to enhance its technical assistance to Member States, upon request, to strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including its Terrorism Prevention Branch, for providing technical assistance to States, upon request, to facilitate the full implementation of the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism and relevant United Nations resolutions, and requests the Office to continue to enhance its efforts in that regard, in close coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force;

2. *Urges* Member States that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties without delay to the existing international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to reinforce the provision of assistance to Member States, upon request, for the ratification and legislative incorporation of those international legal instruments and for the building of capacity to implement them;

3. *Urges* Member States to strengthen, to the greatest extent possible, international cooperation in order to prevent and suppress terrorism, including, when necessary, by entering into bilateral and multilateral treaties on extradition and mutual legal assistance, within the framework of the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism and relevant United Nations resolutions and in accordance with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, and to ensure adequate training of all relevant personnel in executing international cooperation, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide assistance to Member States, upon request, to that end;

4. *Recognizes* the importance of the development and maintenance of fair and effective criminal justice systems, in accordance with applicable international law, as a fundamental basis of any strategy to counter terrorism, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, whenever appropriate, to take into account in its technical assistance programme to counter terrorism the elements necessary for building national capacity in order to strengthen criminal justice systems and the rule of law;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to intensify its efforts to continue to develop and transfer, in a systematic and sustained manner, specialized legal knowledge in the area of counter-terrorism and substantive expertise in pertinent thematic areas relevant to the mandates of the Office, in particular for strengthening the capacity of national criminal justice systems to implement the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism in compliance with the rule of law, especially through the preparation of technical tools and substantive publications and the training of criminal justice officials;

6. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to intensify its efforts to provide Member States with technical assistance, upon request, to

strengthen international cooperation in preventing and suppressing terrorism by facilitating the implementation of the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, in particular by training criminal justice officials in the implementation of those international instruments, for instance through specialized training sessions and specialized technical tools and publications, in close coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, and invites Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary contributions for those purposes in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations;

7. *Further requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to continue to work with international organizations and relevant entities of the United Nations system, as well as with regional and subregional organizations, in the delivery of technical assistance, whenever appropriate;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* to all Member States that have supported the technical assistance activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including through financial contributions, and invites all Member States to consider making additional voluntary financial contributions, as well as providing in-kind support, especially in view of the need for enhanced and effective delivery of technical assistance to assist Member States with the implementation of relevant provisions of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;<sup>1</sup>

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with sufficient resources to carry out activities within its mandate, including in the area of counter-terrorism, and in the context of the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the Office,<sup>2</sup> to assist Member States in the implementation of the relevant elements of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 60/288.

<sup>2</sup> Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/12, annex.