



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: Limited
14 May 2010

Original: English

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Nineteenth session

Vienna, 17-21 May 2010

Item 4 (e) of the provisional agenda*

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: other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies

Egypt: 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:

Follow-up to the regional expert meeting on the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime regional programme on drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice reform in the Arab States for the period 2011-2015, held in Cairo from 27 to 29 April 2010

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the regional approach of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime programme, which is based on partnership, national ownership and full and continuous consultations, both at the national and regional levels, in order to respond in a sustainable and coherent manner to the priorities of Member States,

Reaffirming the full national ownership of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime regional programmes by partner Governments, in line with their strategic priorities and the principles outlined in the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness:

* E/CN.15/2010/1.



Ownership, Harmonization, Alignment, Results and Mutual Accountability and the Accra Agenda for Action,¹

Recognizing that freedom, justice and integrity are the main pillars for the promotion of peace, rule of law and human rights, and thus underpin all efforts towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

Noting relevant resolutions, recommendations, strategies and action plans adopted by the councils of ministers of justice, interior and health of the League of Arab States, as well as those endorsed by the United Nations,

Mindful that, owing to its strategic geographical location, the Middle East and North African region is vulnerable to illicit activities related to trafficking in drugs, firearms and persons, the smuggling of migrants, and terrorism,

Expressing concern about the emerging trend towards increasing drug use in the region, particularly among youth,

Reaffirming the principle of shared responsibility as the basis for a comprehensive, balanced and sustainable approach to combating transnational organized crime, drug trafficking and terrorism,

Conscious of the importance of improved regional cooperation to combat transnational organized crime, and the importance of curbing trafficking and smuggling, given their detrimental effects on human lives, security and economic development in the region,

Reiterating its commitment to criminal justice reform in order to reinforce the capacity of national institutions and key governmental departments to counter the challenges posed by transnational organized crime, terrorism, corruption and drug trafficking,

Recognizing the determination and efforts of the Arab States to combat drug trafficking, transnational organized crime and terrorism individually, bilaterally, regionally and multilaterally,

Acknowledging with satisfaction the outcome of the regional expert meeting on the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime regional programme on drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice reform in the Arab States for the period 2011-2015, held in Cairo from 27 to 29 April 2010, and organized by the League of Arab States in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and with the support of the Government of Egypt,

Welcoming the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in preparing the regional programme, the declaration agreed at the regional expert meeting and the terms of reference for a steering and monitoring committee for the regional programme,

1. *Commends* the experts from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Oman, the Palestinian Authority, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen, for endorsing the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime regional programme on drug control, crime prevention and criminal

¹ A/63/539, annex.

justice reform in the Arab States for the period 2011-2015, as well as the declaration agreed at the regional expert meeting, which sets the course of action for putting the regional programme into effect, and approving the establishment of the steering and monitoring committee to oversee the implementation of the regional programme, in accordance with regional priorities;

2. *Recognizes* the close partnership between the League of Arab States and its affiliated specialized councils and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, with the support of the Government of Egypt, as the host country of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa, to enhance close collaboration with all Arab countries towards the effective implementation of the regional programme and to maximize the use of the two subregional programme offices, in Tripoli and Abu Dhabi, to further contribute to the expansion of the programme activities, responding to the needs and priorities of the partner countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat of the League of Arab States to submit the regional programme, the declaration agreed at the regional expert meeting and the terms of reference for the steering and monitoring committee to the councils of ministers of justice, interior and health of the League of Arab States and to other specialized Arab ministerial councils, for promotion and political support;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in cooperation with the steering and monitoring committee, to facilitate the mobilization of resources required for the effective implementation of the regional programme and the tasks of its steering and monitoring committee;

5. *Urges* development and funding partners, Member States within and outside the region and financial institutions to provide voluntary contributions and technical assistance for the implementation of the regional programme, in accordance with the principle of shared responsibility and in conformity with the relevant rules and procedures of the United Nations;

6. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to seek financial support from Arab financial institutions, with the aim of involving such institutions in enhancing the rule of law and contributing to the efforts of justice reform, as an integral role of the development process in the region;

7. *Reaffirms* giving priority to the implementation of national capacity-building programmes in the Arab States most in need, and in particular in Palestine and Yemen;

8. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide periodic updates on the implementation of the regional programme to the monitoring and steering committee, as well as on an ad hoc basis, as necessary, to Member States and funding partners.