

Resolution

2011/34

Support for the development and implementation of an integrated approach to programme development at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 63/197 of 18 December 2008 entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem” and 64/179 of 18 December 2009 entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”,

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,

Recalling further its resolution 2009/23 of 30 July 2009, entitled “Support for the development and implementation of the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, and its resolution 2010/20 of 22 July 2010, entitled “Support for the development and implementation of an integrated approach to programme development at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on support for the development and implementation of the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;²

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for increased national ownership and participation in regional programmes, and encourages Member States in other subregions to engage with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the preparation of similar subregional programmes;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to promote a culture of evaluation throughout the organization, to mainstream the use of relevant monitoring and evaluation tools in programme planning and implementation and to provide adequate training, as appropriate and within available resources, to staff both at headquarters and in field offices;

4. *Requests* that all regional and thematic programmes include provisions for evaluation, including an evaluation budget, an evaluation report and evaluation skills capacity development, and that already existing programmes be supplemented with annexes containing such provisions;

5. *Welcomes* the launch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Quality Control and Oversight Unit, which monitors programme and office performance of field offices and is aimed at demonstrating financial accountability through transparency and documented records, assisting both United

¹ Resolution 2007/12, annex.

² E/CN.7/2011/6-E/CN.15/2011/6.

Nations Office on Drugs and Crime headquarters and field offices in financial oversight and quality assurance;

6. *Encourages* Member States to continue to support the regional and thematic programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime through unearmarked voluntary contributions, preferably through the general-purpose funds, when feasible, thereby supporting national ownership and regional prioritization;

7. *Welcomes* the progress made so far in the operationalization of the Central American Integration System/United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Mechanism and its corresponding progressive development;

8. *Notes* the ongoing efforts on the thematic and regional programmes developed with the support of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the launching of the regional programmes for West Africa and East Africa, as well as supporting the ongoing work of the regional programmes for East Asia and the Pacific, South-Eastern Europe, and Central America and the Caribbean, and also notes the presentation of the regional programme for the Arab States during the meeting of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime held on 18 February 2011 and of its inauguration;

9. *Looks forward* to the development of regional programmes for Afghanistan and neighbouring countries and Southern Africa, in consultation with the Member States of those regions, in the course of 2011;

10. *Welcomes* the establishment of centres of excellence in different countries of Latin America and the Caribbean as an important component for the effective implementation of regional and thematic programmes, and notes the possible establishment of such centres of excellence or similar institutions in other countries in the region;

11. *Supports* the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in leading the development of the integrated programme approach, in close cooperation with Member States;

12. *Encourages* increased joint activities among entities of the United Nations system, development agencies and regional organizations, within their respective mandates;

13. *Encourages* Member States, where appropriate, to draw on the technical assistance activities outlined in the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and to use the regional programmes as a vehicle for increasing regional cooperation on thematic strategies;

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

15. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to give high priority to and to support the implementation of the integrated regional and thematic programme approach, including by informing the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the

governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of progress made, and to report on progress made in such implementation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fifty-fifth session and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twenty-first session.

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