

Chapter I

Matters brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council

1. The attention of the Economic and Social Council is drawn to the following resolution adopted by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its reconvened eighteenth session and to the action taken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/252, in section XI of which the Assembly authorized the Commission to approve the programme budget for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund:

Resolution 18/6

Budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Exercising the administrative and financial functions entrusted to it by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the proposed budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund¹ and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recalling that there are no priorities within major programmes as decided by the General Assembly,

1. *Welcomes* the measures taken to develop a thematic and regional programme approach to the programme of work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and requests the Executive Director of the Office to present to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its nineteenth session, in 2010, the changes that would need to be made to the strategic framework and a report on the implications of such an approach for the Office and for the allocation of resources to the subprogrammes of the programme of work, taking into account the views expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the relevant parts of its report;³

2. Notes that the proposed budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund⁴ is based, inter alia, on the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2007/19 of 26 July 2007;

¹ See E/CN.7/2009/13–E/CN.15/2009/23.

² E/CN.7/2009/14–E/CN.15/2009/24.

³ Ibid.

⁴ See E/CN.7/2009/13–E/CN.15/2009/23.

3. *Also notes* that the proposed budget is harmonized with sections 16 and 28F of the proposed programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011;⁵

4. *Further notes* that the proposed budget focuses on general-purpose funds and that it also includes special-purpose funds and programme support cost income earned on special-purpose contributions, as well as regular budget resources;

5. *Further notes* that the general-purpose resources of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund are presented as a single budget, with accounts to be kept separate, and that general-purpose expenditure will be apportioned between the two funds in accordance with the income that each generates;

6. *Further notes* that the proposed budget clearly distinguishes between general-purpose funds and programme support cost funds and that it harmonizes the use and management of these fund categories across the two funds of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

7. *Further notes* that the programme support cost resources of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund are presented as a single budget, with accounts to be kept separate, and that programme support cost expenditure will be apportioned between the two funds in accordance with the income that each generates;

8. *Notes with concern* the sharp decline in general-purpose income in the biennium 2008-2009 and the corresponding measures taken to reduce general-purpose expenditure;

9. *Considers* that strengthening the dialogue between the Executive Director and the Member States on the development, implementation and funding of the thematic and regional programmes may help, in particular, to address this sharp decline;

10. *Approves* the projected use of general-purpose funds in the biennium 2010-2011, and invites Member States to provide contributions totalling at least 4,517,200 United States dollars;

11. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

12. *Invites* Member States to provide additional general-purpose contributions to the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund totalling 9,570,800 dollars to enable the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to restore and strengthen the functions and activities discontinued in the biennium 2008-2009 as a result of the precipitous decline in general-purpose income to the Office;

13. *Endorses* the programme support cost fund and special-purpose fund estimates as indicated below;

⁵ A/64/6 (Sect. 16) and (Sect. 28F).

Resource projections for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2008-2009	2010-2011	2008-2009	2010-2011
General-purpose funds				
Post	6 201.8	4 517.2	20	13
Non-post	893.9	-	-	-
Special-purpose funds	137 866.4	140 565.7	-	-
Programme support cost funds				
Post	5 563.0	4 886.7	-	38
Non-post	2 241.2	2 199.2	40	-
External executing agencies	293.4	293.4	-	-
Total	153 059.6	152 462.2	60	51

14. *Notes* that the above estimated resource projections are subject to the availability of funding;

15. *Reaffirms* the role of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, for oversight, monitoring and control by the Assembly of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, takes note of the findings and recommendations in the report of the Office on inspection of programme-level monitoring and evaluation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, dated 5 October 2009, and requests the Secretariat to act upon and implement those recommendations and to report to Member States on follow-up in that regard;

16. *Decides* that the proposed consolidated budget for the biennium 2010-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime should contain adequate provisions for the establishment of a sustainable, effective and operationally independent evaluation unit, including the following aspects:

(a) The necessary resources should be made available to fund the position of the head of the unit through reallocation of resources from the regular budget of the United Nations available to the Office;

(b) The Executive Director should ensure independent, timely and effective evaluations, in line with the standards and norms of the United Nations Evaluation Group and following the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

(c) The unit should be functionally and operationally independent and should be part of the Office of the Executive Director;

(d) The Executive Director should delegate authority to make all personnel and operational decisions concerning staff and consultants to the head of the unit in line with the relevant General Assembly resolutions and in conformity with the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

(e) The unit should circulate its reports simultaneously to the Executive Director and to Member States, with management responses being provided subsequently, and the reports should be submitted to the Commission for its consideration;

(f) The unit should establish an appropriate cycle for its reports, including the annual evaluation report, with a view to ensuring that its reports are available to all Member States well in advance of the session of the Commission held in the first part of each year;

(g) The reports of the unit should be made public and accessible;

17. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure the sustainability of the Strategic Planning Unit, consistent with the importance of the functions performed by the Unit;

18. *Requests* the head of the independent evaluation unit to brief the Member States periodically, preferably through the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as appropriate, on the findings and the implementation of recommendations contained in evaluation reports;

19. *Invites* Member States to take an active role in the development and application of the evaluation policy;

20. *Takes note* of the draft workplan of the independent evaluation unit for the biennium 2010-2011 as a transitional step towards the re-establishment of the unit, decides that the workplan should be implemented without delay, and requests the unit to report to Member States on follow-up in that regard;

21. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Commission, at its nineteenth session, on the implementation of paragraphs 16, 17 and 18 of the present resolution, including on the sustainable and predictable financing of the position of head of the Strategic Planning Unit in the future, and to provide advance information in that regard to the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.