

Resolution 54/17

Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on evaluation and oversight

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling its resolution 54/10 of 25 March 2011, entitled “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: recommendations of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”,

Taking note of the work of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the note by the Secretariat on the work of the working group,¹

1. *Recalls* the importance of having a sustainable, effective and operationally independent evaluation unit, and in that regard, welcomes the proposal to strengthen the Independent Evaluation Unit through full staffing funded from the regular budget under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, complemented with programme support cost funds and special-purpose funds, and looks forward to the further consolidation of the Unit;

2. *Reiterates* its invitation to the Independent Evaluation Unit to focus its evaluations on the implementation, performance and impact of thematic and regional programmes, and to continue consulting with Member States, including through the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, on the Unit’s activities and results, and invites the Independent Evaluation Unit regularly to inform Member States on its plans, activities and results;

3. *Welcomes* the steps taken to develop and implement a culture of evaluation throughout the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at all stages of programme planning, development and implementation, and looks forward to receiving regular information on matters pertaining to evaluation, including the development of a plan of work, specific results and adequate follow-up, so as to enable an informed debate among Member States on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

4. *Requests* the working group to continue to explore with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime the creation of an internal

¹ E/CN.7/2011/9 and Add.1 and 2-E/CN.15/2011/9 and Add.1 and 2.

system to monitor the implementation of recommendations made by relevant oversight bodies, including the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Joint Inspection Unit, the Board of Auditors and the Independent Evaluation Unit, and to report to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session on its work in that regard;

5. *Also requests* the working group, within its mandate and in close consultation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to continue to give thorough consideration to the observations and recommendations made in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,² with a view to presenting relevant recommendations for appropriate follow-up to the Commission for its consideration at its fifty-fifth session and to share such recommendations with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twenty-first session, in the first half of 2012.

² JIU/REP/2010/10.