

**2007/19**  
**Strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 59/275 of 23 December 2004 on programme planning,

*Recalling also* Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 48/14, in which the Commission urged the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to develop an overarching strategy, in consultation with Member States, for consideration by the Commission, and also urged the Office to ensure that the strategy, as approved by Member States, through the strategic framework, guided the formulation of clearly defined objectives, improved benchmarks and performance indicators that would measure both qualitatively and quantitatively the impact of the work of the Office in full compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on result-based budgeting,

*Taking into consideration* the deliberations of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its forty-ninth session<sup>1</sup> and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fifteenth session<sup>2</sup> concerning progress made on the development of the overarching strategy of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

*Expressing appreciation* for the extensive consultations held by Member States, including within the framework of the open-ended informal Group of Friends of the Chairmen of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to consider the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

*Acknowledging* that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime undertook extensive consultations with other United Nations bodies and relevant civil society entities and among its own staff during the preparation of the strategy,

1. *Approves* the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, contained in the annex to Council resolution 2007/12;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to incorporate the strategy for the period 2008-2011 in the strategic framework and to present the latter to the relevant intergovernmental bodies, for their consideration and approval;

3. *Stresses* that all action aimed at implementing the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, especially action involving the participation of relevant civil society entities, shall be undertaken in full consultation with and at the request of the Member States concerned;

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 8 (E/2006/28), chap. IX.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 10 and corrigendum (E/2006/30 and Corr.1), chap. VIII.*

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to prepare the consolidated budget for the biennium 2008-2009, as well as for the biennium 2010-2011, for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, based, inter alia, on the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

5. *Urges* Member States and other partners to provide sufficient, stable and predictable funding to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund;

6. *Recommends* that a sufficient share of the regular budget of the United Nations be allocated to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to enable it to fulfil its mandates;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to submit to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its reconvened sixteenth session a report identifying the medium-term strategy activities projected for the period 2008-2009 and the estimated cost of implementing them;

8. *Also requests* the Executive Director to report, through the programme performance report, to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on progress made in the implementation of the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

9. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to improve its evaluation mechanisms and project cycle management.

*45th plenary meeting  
26 July 2007*