

Resolution 25/4

Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2016-2017 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 on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,¹

Recalling that Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations emphasizes the paramount consideration of efficiency, competence and integrity with regard to the recruitment of staff and that due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible,

Noting with concern the lack of diversity, in particular equitable geographical representation, within the staff of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and emphasizing that the Office, both at headquarters and in the field, should take more effective measures to ensure the recruitment of a diverse pool of candidates,

Recognizing that the principle of equitable geographical distribution and the goal of equal representation of women in the composition of the Secretariat do not conflict with the paramount consideration in the employment of staff, namely the necessity of securing the highest standard of efficiency, competence and integrity as set out in Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/251 of 29 December 2014, in which the Assembly, inter alia, noted with disappointment the insufficient progress made with regard to achieving the goal of a 50/50 gender balance in the United Nations common system, especially in the Professional and higher categories, and requested the International Civil Service Commission to encourage the organizations of the common system to fully implement existing gender balance policies and measures,

Recalling also its resolution 22/9 of 13 December 2013,

1. *Notes* that the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the consolidated budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime¹ provides information on the adjustments to the consolidated budget;

2. *Also notes* the continued strong donor confidence in programme delivery by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

3. *Further notes* the progress in the transition towards full cost recovery as set out in the report of the Executive Director;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to brief Member States regularly on the impact of the implementation of Umoja on the delivery of the Office's programmes in the field, as well as on the generation of programme support cost funds and full cost recovery funds, and the Office's efforts to mitigate that impact;

5. *Notes* that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime can allocate programme support cost funds to the field offices, as appropriate, and requests the Office to continue to explore how best to apply programme

¹ E/CN.7/2016/17-E/CN.15/2016/14.

support cost funds to field offices and to brief Member States regularly on the matter;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to consult with interested Member States before cancelling funded and mandated programmes;

7. *Notes* the cost-saving measures taken by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to maintain general-purpose expenditure at 2,618,400 United States dollars and programme support cost expenditure at 22,387,600 dollars;

8. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to implement cost-saving measures both at headquarters and at field offices, and to brief Member States regularly on the matter;

9. *Endorses* the revised estimates for special-purpose funds as indicated below:

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

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	Approved budget, 2016-2017	Revised budget, 2016-2017	Approved budget, 2016-2017	Revised budget, 2016-2017
	General-purpose funds			
Post	2 394.6	2 394.6	8	8
Non-post	223.8	223.8	-	-
Subtotal	2 618.4	2 618.4	8	8
Special-purpose funds	289 369.8	300 097.8	201	201
Subtotal	289 369.8	300 097.8	201	201
Programme support cost funds				
Post	18 753.4	18 557.1	68	68
Non-post	3 755.5	3 830.5	-	-
Subtotal	22 508.9	22 387.6	68	68
Total	314 497.1	325 103.7	277	277

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

11. *Reiterates* that the Commission should continue to assess the provisional implementation by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of full cost recovery in the biennium 2016-2017 with regard to efficiency, feasibility and impact on the integrity and cost of the Office's field offices and projects;

12. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to hold, on an ongoing basis, consultations with Member States on all issues on the budget, including issues related to full cost recovery and programme support costs, including the criteria for their allocation to headquarters and field offices and changes to their applicable rates, and the impact of the new funding model on the Office's ability to deliver technical assistance to Member States upon their request;

13. *Reiterates* that full cost recovery cannot be applied retroactively except through bilateral agreements between the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the relevant donors, taking into account, as appropriate, the views of recipient countries;

14. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide budgets for future bienniums to Member States no later than one month prior to their submission to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

15. *Recalls* General Assembly resolution 65/247 of 24 December 2010, in which the Assembly reiterated its requests to the Secretary-General to present proposals to effectively increase the representation of developing countries in the Secretariat, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, while upholding Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, to intensify its efforts to ensure the recruitment of staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in particular in the Professional and higher categories, by, inter alia, intensifying outreach efforts, and to report on the progress thereon to the Commission at its next session;

16. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to intensify the efforts of the Office to achieve the goal of a 50/50 gender balance within the Professional and higher categories, including for field representatives, while upholding Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, by, inter alia, intensifying outreach efforts, and to report on the progress of such measures to the Commission at its twenty-sixth session.