

Resolution 24/3

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 of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime containing the proposed budget for the biennium 2016-2017 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 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 Office, 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 regards 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,

Recognizing the normative functions supported by the Office as part of the Secretariat of the United Nations and stressing the importance of technical assistance, within the mandate of the Office, provided to Member States upon their request and for these purposes, the importance of adequate predictable and stable funding,

¹ Contained in E/CN.7/2015/17-E/CN.15/2015/20.

² E/CN.7/2015/18-E/CN.15/2015/21.

Emphasizing that the provisional implementation of the new funding model should, inter alia, not hinder the field operations of the Office or affect delivery,

Underlining the importance of contributions made by Member States, as well as regional and other intergovernmental organizations, and all other donors,

1. *Notes* the progress made in the development of the thematic and regional programme approach to the programme of work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and in ensuring the full complementarity of the thematic, global, regional and country programmes;

2. *Also notes* that the budget is based, inter alia, on the strategy detailed under programme 13 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017;³

3. *Further notes* that the budget is harmonized with sections 16 and 29G of the proposed programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2016-2017;⁴

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

5. *Also 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 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 budget should clearly distinguish between general-purpose funds and programme support cost funds and harmonize the use and management of these two fund categories across the two funds of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and stresses the importance of a clear and explicit approach to the application of programme support cost charges and their allocation;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to strengthen its efforts to further encourage Member States and other interested donors to provide general purpose funding, including by means of further increasing the transparency and quality of reporting;

8. *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 and that programme support cost will be apportioned between the two funds in accordance with the income that each generates;

³ A/69/6/Rev.1.

⁴ A/70/6 (Sect. 16) and (Sect. 29G).

9. *Requests* the Secretariat to take into account, when preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, as well as in future programme budgets, the need to ensure posts funded through regular budget resources are appropriately aligned with the Office's treaty-based functions and its core mandates, and to regularly brief Member States at its reconvened sessions on this aspect of the budget proposal;

10. *Requests* the Secretariat 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;

11. *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 to best apply programme support cost to field offices;

12. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to ensure in his reports on the consolidated budget for future bienniums greater transparency and accountability, provide more detailed, timely and structured information and attach appropriate visibility to the contributions and the contributors, including Member States, as well as regional and other intergovernmental organizations and other donors and financing partners;

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

14. *Approves* the projected use of general-purpose funds in the biennium 2016-2017, and invites Member States to provide contributions totalling at least 2,618,400 United States dollars;

15. *Endorses* the programme support cost funds and special-purpose estimates as indicated below:

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

<i>Fund category</i>	<i>Resources</i> <i>(thousands of United States dollars)</i>		<i>Posts</i>	
	<i>2014-2015</i>		<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>
	<i>(revised budget)</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>		
General-purpose funds				
Post	4 417.9	2 394.6	13	8
Non-post	266.9	223.8		
Subtotal	4 684.8	2 618.4	13	8
Special-purpose funds	285 159.2	289 369.8	188	201
Subtotal	285 159.2	289 369.8	188	201
Programme support cost funds				
Post	18 513.9	18 753.4	81	68
Non-post	4 317.0	3 755.5		
Subtotal	22 830.9	22 508.9	81	68
Total	312 674.9	314 497.1	283	277

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

17. *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 the impact on the integrity and cost of the Office's field offices and projects;

18. *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 on programme support costs, including the criteria for their allocation and the impact of the new funding model on the Office's ability to deliver technical assistance to Member States upon their request;

19. *Further requests* that the Secretariat provides 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;

20. *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;

21. *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 next session;

22. *Remains fully committed* to increasing the effectiveness of the delivery of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and reaffirms the need to engage in thorough consultations with relevant actors, including beneficiary countries, in advance of any possible changes to the field presence of the Office;

23. *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.