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**Outcome of the ministerial segment**

**Financial statement on the draft ministerial declaration on strengthening our actions at the national, regional and international levels to accelerate the implementation of our joint commitments to address and counter the world drug problem<sup>\*\*</sup>,<sup>\*\*\*</sup>**

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\*\* E/CN.7/2019/L.11.

\*\*\* The attached oral statement has been produced based on the unedited advance version of the draft ministerial declaration, as approved by the Commission at its third intersessional meeting, on 8 March 2019. The operative paragraphs mentioned refer to paragraphs 7, 11, 12 and 15 in the section “Way forward”.



**Oral statement in connection with the draft ministerial declaration on  
“Strengthening our actions at the national, regional and international levels to  
accelerate the implementation of our joint commitments to address and counter  
the world drug problem”**

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

2. By operative paragraphs 7, 11, 12 and 15 of the draft ministerial declaration, the Member States would:

7. *Commit* to support the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to continue, within its mandate as the principal policymaking body of the UN with prime responsibility for drug control matters, including but not limited to, foster broad, transparent and inclusive discussions within the CND, involving, as appropriate, all relevant stakeholders, such as, law enforcement, judicial and health care personnel, civil society, academia, and relevant UN entities, on effective strategies to address and counter the world drug problem at all levels, including through sharing of information, best practices and lessons learnt;

11. *Request* the UNODC, in close cooperation with Member States, to continue, in an inclusive manner, expert level consultations on strengthening and streamlining existing annual reporting questionnaire and reflect on possibilities to review other existing drug control data collection and analysis tools as deemed necessary to reflect and assess progress made in the implementation of all commitments, included in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action 2009, the 2014 Joint Ministerial Statement and the UNGASS 2016 outcome document, and to submit an improved and streamlined annual reporting questionnaire for consideration at the 63rd session of the Commission, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources;

12. *Request* UNODC to continue to provide enhanced technical and substantive support to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in supporting the implementation of and conducting follow-up to all commitments, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources;

15. *Resolve*, to review in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 2029 our progress in implementing all our international drug policy commitments, with a mid-term review in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 2024;

3. With regard to operative paragraph 7 and 12, it is estimated that extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$192,600 (2020 indicative rate) would be required annually for the period from 2020 to 2029 to provide enhanced support by the Secretariat of Governing Bodies to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. The resource requirements would provide for one professional post at the P-3 level for 12 working months. In addition, intersessional meetings for inclusive discussions could be provided from within existing resources if conducted without interpretation services. Alternatively, the meetings could be provided with interpretation on if available-basis, if announced well in advance and coordinated between the Commission on Narcotic Drugs Secretariat and the Conference Management Service of the United Nations Office in Vienna regarding the availability of conference facilities.

4. With regard to operative paragraph 11, it is estimated that extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$896,500 would be required as follows: (i) \$681,000 for the development of the streamlined annual reporting questionnaire (ARQ), and (ii) \$215,500 for the translation and printing of the proposed ARQ for adoption by the Commission (100 pages in 6 languages). The resource requirements would provide for: (i) one professional post at the P-3 level for 16 working months; (ii) two General Service (Other Level) posts for 8 and 4 working months each; (iii) one expert group meeting and one meeting of regional and international organizations held in Vienna without interpretation; (iv) one consultant on questionnaire development for 12 working months, (v) one IT expert for 8 working months, and (vi) printing and translation of one report (100 pages in 6 languages).

5. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraph 15, the high-level review should be included in the Calendar of Conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2024 and 2029. It would be recalled that pursuant to ECOSOC resolution 1991/39, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is entitled to meet annually for a period not exceeding 8 working days (16 plenary meetings for the regular sessions per year). Therefore, it is expected that the 2 additional days for the mid-term review in 2024 and the 2 additional days for the final review in 2029 would be covered from the above-mentioned existing plenary entitlements.
  6. The activities related to the requests contained in operative paragraphs 7, 11 and 12 would be carried out provided that the extrabudgetary resources mentioned above are made available.
  7. Hence, adoption of the draft ministerial declaration would not entail any additional appropriation under the programme budget for 2020.
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