

Resolution 47/3

Strengthening the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as one of its governing bodies

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Reiterating that action against the world drug problem is a shared responsibility that requires an integrated and balanced approach,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/185 C of 20 December 1991, in section XVI of which the Assembly decided to establish the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and expanded the mandate of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to enable it to function as the governing body of the Programme and its Fund,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003 and the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed framework for the biennium 2006-2007,¹ in which the Commission on Narcotic Drugs was invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for the programme on drugs and crime,

Reaffirming its resolutions 44/16 and 45/17, in which it called, inter alia, for continued improvement in management and a strengthened dialogue with Member States, in order to contribute to enhanced and sustainable programme delivery,

Reaffirming also its resolution 46/8,

Welcoming the report of the Executive Director submitted pursuant to its resolution 46/8,² in which the Executive Director set out the many initiatives already under way to achieve those goals,

Reaffirming its resolution 46/9, and noting that good management contributes to strong and predictable funding and vice versa,

1. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue the reform undertaken to date and to maintain a culture of continuous improvement;

2. *Welcomes* the restructuring and ongoing process of reform of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, designed to create greater synergy between the drug programme and the crime programme;

3. *Encourages* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue facilitating dialogue with Member States on programmatic and management issues and on the ongoing reform process;

4. *Welcomes* the many measures taken to ensure good governance within the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, on which the Executive Director has placed high importance, and encourages continued transparency in the management of human resources;

¹ E/CN.7/2004/12-E/CN.15/2004/13.

² E/CN.7/2004/10.

5. *Welcomes* the establishment of the new independent evaluation unit of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and looks forward to a greater emphasis on impact in the evaluation work of the Office and the introduction of evaluation as an integral part of project design, monitoring and implementation;

6. *Reaffirms* its governing role in the budget process of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, concerning international drug control, which includes, inter alia, advising the Office in the preparation and implementation of the biennial budget and the management of the resources of the programme, on the basis of the priorities established by Member States;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to facilitate that role by continuing to present substantive, concise and timely briefings and, when appropriate, reports to all Member States;

8. *Encourages* the Executive Director to expand on the strategic framework called for in General Assembly resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003 and to develop a plan for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within policy guidelines that may be issued by its governing body, that will provide medium- and long-term strategic direction;

9. *Welcomes* the development of a transparent financial system and looks forward to its completion, when it will allow the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States to assess the cost, impact and effectiveness of operational activities of the Office in an open manner and will contribute to result-based budgeting and also looks forward to the continued development of the system, including progress towards the implementation of result-based management;

10. *Supports* the efforts of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to ensure that issues with respect to the fight against drugs and related crime are routinely included in sustainable development policies;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to it, at its forty-eighth session, on further progress made in implementing management changes.