Resolution 48/2

Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/185 C of 20 December 1991, in which the Assembly established 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,

Reaffirming its resolutions 44/16, 45/17, 46/8 and 47/3, in which it called for continued improvement in management and a strengthened dialogue with Member States, in order to contribute to enhanced and sustainable programme delivery,

Noting that good management contributes to assured and predictable voluntary funding and vice versa,

1. Encourages the ongoing process of reform of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, designed to create more effective and efficient organizational practices, and requests the Office to maintain a culture of continuous improvement in management practices;

2. Asserts that the strength of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime will continue to stem from well-motivated, dedicated staff of the highest competence and integrity, representing wide geographical distribution and gender balance, and therefore requests the Executive Director to ensure that recruitment, selection and appraisal systems reflect this and reward best practice;

3. Stresses that the country and regional offices of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime play an essential role in programme delivery and that their effective functioning depends, inter alia, on their receiving the necessary administrative and managerial support, and requests the Executive Director to ensure that such support is given;

4. Takes note of the reports of the Independent Evaluation Unit, and encourages the Executive Director to implement the recommendations contained therein;

5. Requests the Executive Director to ensure that evaluation becomes an integral part of the design, monitoring and implementation of all projects of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and looks forward to greater focus on project impact;

6. Welcomes the recent establishment of the Strategic Planning Unit in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and looks forward to a medium-term strategy that takes into account the availability of financial, human and organizational resources and gives focus and direction to programme formulation and overall service delivery within the established mandates of the Office and in accordance with the terms of reference decided by Member States;
7. **Encourages** the ongoing review of financial management, expects that it will allow the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member States to assess the cost, impact and effectiveness of operational activities in an open manner and contribute to the full introduction of result-based budgeting, and looks forward to the continued development of the system, including the implementation of result-based management;  

8. **Supports** the efforts of the Executive Director, in particular in forming and developing, as appropriate, partnerships with international organizations and other international entities, to ensure that issues relating to the world drug problem become an integral part of the sustainable development agenda;  

9. **Requests** the Executive Director to report to it, at its forty-ninth session, on further progress made in implementing management and budgetary reform.