

## **Resolution 48/3**

### **Securing assured and predictable voluntary funding for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme**

*The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 46/185 C of 20 December 1991, by 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,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 of 28 July 1999, in which the Council recommended measures to strengthen the United Nations machinery for international drug control and that a sufficient share of the regular budget of the United Nations be allocated to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to enable it to fulfil its mandates,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 39/10, entitled "Towards a new system of financing activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme", and 46/9, entitled "Securing assured and predictable funding for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme",

*Reaffirming also* 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,

*Taking into account* the guidelines for the use of general-purpose funds of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, adopted in its resolution 44/20, in particular the priority given in the guidelines to the funding of the support budget,

*Also taking into account* the fact that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime depends mainly on voluntary contributions, which include earmarked and general-purpose contributions, and the fact that, in accordance with the guidelines established by the Commission, general-purpose contributions are used, as a first priority, to fund the support budget, which covers the field and headquarters infrastructure necessary to run the Programme, and, as a second priority, core, ongoing and new priority areas, and that general-purpose contributions are also needed to ensure efficient cash flow and project implementation,

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

1. *Welcomes* the continued interest of Member States in securing assured and predictable voluntary funding for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue his efforts, in cooperation with Member States, to broaden the donor base and to increase voluntary contributions to the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, including, in particular, general-purpose funds as well as funds earmarked for

the support budget, taking into account that the efficient and effective planning of the operational activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is closely linked to the availability of an adequate and stable balance of general-purpose funds;

3. *Recommends* that a sufficient share of the regular budget of the United Nations be allocated to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to enable it to fulfil its mandates;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to examine whether its programme activities may be duplicative of programmes carried out by other United Nations entities and to ensure that such duplication is avoided by effective communication in establishing budget priorities;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to keep Member States informed on the use of general-purpose funds, as set out in the guidelines for the use of general-purpose funds,<sup>1</sup> and in particular the core functions/positions that are financed by such funds;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States, in particular developing countries, which contribute to the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime through the provision of necessary infrastructure, through agreed cost-sharing mechanisms or by allotting national funds to projects implemented in partnership with the Office, and invites other States that are beneficiaries of technical assistance provided by the Office, if they are in a position to do so, to contribute in the same way;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have provided for a fixed and significant percentage of general-purpose funds in their overall voluntary contribution or which have earmarked a percentage of their overall voluntary contributions to the support budget, and encourages all other States to do the same;

8. *Welcomes* the measures that have been taken to examine and improve financial management in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the progress already made in that regard, and encourages the Executive Director to continue to explore all options aimed at making efficiency savings that may contribute to the reduction of administrative costs for the Office;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director to monitor the ratio between the programme and the support budgets to ensure that support costs are not increased to the detriment of expenditure on programmes;

10. *Also requests* the Executive Director to make proposals to donors, in accordance with the guidelines for the use of general-purpose funds, aimed at improving adequately the ratio between earmarked funds and general-purpose funds;

11. *Further requests* the Executive Director to review the options included in its resolution 46/9 and to consider their viability in the current situation;

12. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to it at its forty-ninth session on further progress made in securing assured

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<sup>1</sup> Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 44/20, annex.

and predictable voluntary funding and on his efforts to implement the provisions contained in its resolution 46/9.