Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

At its 10th meeting, on 14 March 2008, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, recalling the integrated strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime\(^97\) and also recalling paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of its resolution 50/14, entitled “Budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”:

(a) Took note of the report of the Executive Director entitled “Financial issues and difficulties faced by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in implementing its mandates and an initial assessment of the ways and means of improving the financial situation”\(^98\)

(b) Also took note of the note by the Secretariat on resolutions and decisions relating to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime adopted in the period 2003-2007 in which action by the Office was requested\(^99\)

(c) Further took note of the report by the Executive Director on the deviations from the standard programme support charge of 13 per cent during the period 2005-2007\(^100\)

(d) Decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group to discuss and prepare, taking into account, inter alia, the documents mentioned above, recommendations to be presented to the Commission at its fifty-second session on how to ensure political ownership by the Member States and on how to improve the governance structure and the financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

(e) Requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide the working group with the necessary assistance to facilitate its work.

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97 Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/12, annex.