

Resolution 56/17

Budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Exercising the administrative and financial functions entrusted to it by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/185 C, section XVI, paragraph 2, of 20 December 1991,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime containing the proposed budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme¹ and the related recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

Recognizing the normative functions of the Office as part of the Secretariat of the United Nations and stressing the importance of technical assistance, within the mandate of the Office, provided to Member States upon their request and, for these purposes, the importance of adequate, predictable and stable funding,

Highlighting the Executive Director's plans to pursue the transition to the new funding model based on identified priorities in a manner and at a pace that will be realistic and balanced vis-à-vis the expectations and requirements of Member States,

Noting the significant implications that implementation of the full cost recovery funding model will have, in particular for technical cooperation and the Office's network of field offices, including the possibility of unintended consequences,

Noting also the plans of the Office to monitor the situation and to keep Member States regularly and fully informed and coordinate with them on progress and the impact of the implementation of the new model through the Commission and existing mechanisms, including the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

Taking note of the importance of field operations, as reflected in the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget and of the reference in paragraph 35 of that report to Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/23 of 30 July 2009, in which the Council requested the Executive Director to give high priority to the implementation of the regional programmes of the Office and to report on progress made,

Aware of the need to continue promoting regular dialogue between all Member States as well as with the Office on the planning and formulation of the operational activities of the Office, including its programmes and projects,

¹ E/CN.7/2013/15-E/CN.15/2013/28.

² E/CN.7/2013/16-E/CN.15/2013/29.

1. *Notes* the progress made in the development of the thematic and regional programme approach in consultation with Member States, to the programme of work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and in ensuring the full complementarity of the thematic and regional programmes;

2. *Also notes* that the budget is based, inter alia, on the strategy detailed under programme 13 of the strategic framework for the period 2014-2015³ and on the strategy of the Office for the period 2012-2015;

3. *Further notes* that the budget is harmonized with sections 16 and 29G of the proposed programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2014-2015;⁴

4. *Notes* that the budget focuses on general-purpose funds and also includes special-purpose funds and programme support cost income earned on special-purpose contributions, as well as regular budget resources;

5. *Also notes* that a new funding model would not automatically apply to existing funding agreements with the Office unless otherwise agreed;

6. *Further notes* that a new funding model should, inter alia, not hinder the field operations and headquarters activities of the Office or affect delivery;

7. *Notes* that the general-purpose resources of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund are presented as a single budget and that general-purpose expenditure will be apportioned between the two Funds in accordance with the income that each generates;

8. *Also notes* that the programme support cost resources of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund are presented as a single budget and that programme support cost expenditure will be apportioned between the two Funds in accordance with the income that each generates;

9. *Approves*, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution, the projected use of general-purpose funds in the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015, and invites Member States to provide contributions totalling at least 11,189,700 United States dollars;

10. *Endorses*, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution, the programme support cost funds and special-purpose estimates in the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015, as indicated below;

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/67/6/Rev.1).*

⁴ A/68/6 (Sect. 16) and (Sect. 29G).

**Resource projections for the Fund of the United Nations
International Drug Control Programme**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Resources of United States dollars)</i>		<i>(thousands Posts</i>	
	<i>2012-2013</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>	<i>2012-2013</i>	<i>2014-2015</i>
General-purpose funds				
Post				
Non-post				
Subtotal				
Programme support cost funds				
Post				
Non-post				
Subtotal				
Special-purpose funds				
Total				

11. *Notes* that the resource projections estimated above are subject to the availability of funding as well as to potential adjustments that may be required, under the guidance of the Commission, by relevant factors in the consolidated budget, including those described in paragraphs 21-23 of document E/CN.7/2013/15-E/CN.15/2013/28;

12. *Requests* the Office to brief and provide information to Member States as well as other partners on the percentage of voluntary contributions allocated to the support or delivery costs of programming and the percentage of these funds spent on delivering technical assistance;

13. *Stresses* that the provisional implementation of a new funding model in the biennium 2014-2015 will need to be reviewed by the Commission to assess its effectiveness and further feasibility;

14. *Notes* the need for consistent application of a new funding model to all programmes and activities of the Office funded by voluntary contributions;

15. *Remains fully committed* to increasing the effectiveness and results of the technical assistance programmes of the Office and of their delivery and reaffirms the need to engage in thorough consultations among relevant actors, including the recipient countries, ahead of any possible changes to the field presence of the Office;

16. *Requests* the Secretariat, periodically and on a continuing basis, to brief and coordinate with Member States through existing mechanisms, inter alia, on the following:

(a) Any projected adaptation of the field offices and of headquarters operations that may arise from the implementation of the new funding model;

(b) Details of the implementation of the funding model of the Office with respect to field and headquarters operations, including but not limited to the special-purpose funds for posts shown in paragraph 10 above, including in briefings prior to the fifty-seventh session and the reconvened fifty-seventh session, to be held in 2014;

17. *Requests* the Office to provide information on the implementation of the funding model and its impact on the work of the Office, including, but not limited to, its ability to deliver technical assistance to Member States upon their request, and on any impact on the voluntary contributions shown in the report of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2014-2015 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

18. *Also requests* the Office to strengthen its efforts to further encourage donors to provide general-purpose funding, including by means of further increasing transparency and quality of reporting, and invites Member States and other donors to consider providing support to the general-purpose funds of the Office;

19. *Requests* that the financial statements of the Office on draft resolutions presented to the Commission at its fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions, as well as in other routine budget documents and briefings of the Office, describe how projected expenditure will affect the use of regular budget resources and extrabudgetary resources.