

Decision 2/6
Technical assistance activities

The Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, bearing in mind that matters relating to technical assistance should be addressed primarily by the Conference of the Parties,

(a) Decided to establish an open-ended interim working group, chaired by a member of the bureau, in accordance with article 32, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,¹ and rule 2, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, to advise and assist it in the implementation of its mandate on technical assistance;

(b) Requested the secretariat to continue to develop an information base for assessing challenges in implementing the Convention and the Protocols thereto, through analytical reports on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols based on information provided by States parties and signatories in response to the questionnaires sent to them by the secretariat, requests from States for technical assistance and lessons learned from assistance previously rendered;

(c) Decided that the working group should perform the following functions:

(i) Review needs for technical assistance in order to assist the Conference of the Parties on the basis of the information bases established by the secretariat;

(ii) Provide guidance on priorities based on multi-year programmes approved by the Conference of the Parties and its directives;

(iii) Take into consideration, as appropriate and readily available, information on technical assistance activities of the secretariat, as well as of States, and on projects and priorities of States, other entities of the United Nations system and international organizations, in the areas covered by the Convention and its Protocols;

(iv) Facilitate mobilization of potential resources;

(d) Requested the secretariat, on the basis of guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties and its working group, to develop project proposals to address the needs identified, taking into consideration equitable geographical distribution, and different legal systems as appropriate;

(e) Decided that the working group should meet during the third session of the Conference of the Parties and, within existing resources, should hold at least one intersessional meeting before the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties;

¹ General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex I.

(f) Requested the secretariat to assist the working group in the performance of its functions;

(g) Decided that the Chairman of the working group should submit a report on the activities of the working group to the Conference of the Parties;

(h) Requested the secretariat to submit a report to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session on its relevant technical assistance activities;

(i) Decided to review and take a decision on the effectiveness and future of the working group at its fourth session, in 2008.