

**Oral statement on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.16/Rev.1  
entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime  
prevention and criminal justice programme, in  
particular its technical cooperation capacity"**

1. This oral statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

2. By operative paragraphs 7, 18, 25 and 32 of draft resolution of draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.16/rev.1, the General Assembly would:

- (a) *Note with appreciation* the work of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group to conduct a comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime and responses to it by Member States, the international community and the private sector, including the exchange of information on national legislation, best practices, technical assistance and international cooperation, with a view to examining options to strengthen existing and to propose new national and international, legal or other responses to cybercrime, and encourages the expert group to enhance its efforts to complete its work and to present the outcome of the study to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in due course;
- (b) *Call upon* Member States to reinforce international cooperation for preventing and combating the smuggling of migrants and for the prosecution of smugglers, in accordance with, as appropriate, art.6 of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and with national laws and legislation, while effectively protecting the rights and respecting the dignity of smuggled migrants and internationally recognized principles of non-discrimination and other applicable obligations under relevant international law, taking into account the special needs of women, children, especially when unaccompanied, and persons with disabilities and older persons; in this regard calls upon United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue its technical assistance to Member States in accordance with the above mentioned Protocol;
- (c) *Request* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to foster international and regional cooperation, including by facilitating the development of regional networks active in the field of legal and law enforcement cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime, where appropriate, and by promoting cooperation among all such networks, including by providing technical assistance where it is required, and recognizing the efforts made by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to establish and assist such networks;
- (d) *Request* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to assist Member States, upon request, in combating illicit

manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition and to support them in their efforts to address its links with other forms of transnational organized crime, though, inter alia, legislative assistance, technical support and enhanced data collection and analysis.

3. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraph 7, it is estimated that additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$634,600 would be required for the translation and dissemination of the Comprehensive study on Cybercrime (287 pages in 6 languages). It is also estimated that additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$238,100 would be required to convene one intergovernmental expert group meeting in Vienna, for a total of 8 meetings (four days) with interpretation services in the six official languages of the United Nations. The documentation requirements would include pre-session documentation (annotated agenda 10 pages) and one report of the expert group meeting (20 pages), in the six official languages. The level of resource requirements would also provide for two-months of a professional post at the P-2 level and two-months of two General Service (Other level) posts.

4. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraph 18, additional extrabudgetary resources would be required for the provision of technical assistance to Member States in accordance with the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air. In 2013, UNODC has received at the global level \$465,000 extra-budgetary funds to strengthen the capacity of Member States through assessments of the criminal justice response to the smuggling of migrants, legislative assistance, and capacity building workshops. To continue this level of technical assistance for this purpose as provided by the draft resolution, it is envisaged that additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$355,700 would be required for: (a) one professional post at the P-3 level for 12 months to organize and implement technical assistance with a particular focus on the alignment of Member States legal frameworks with the requirements of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air requirements; (b) three assessment missions to identify the gaps in the criminal justice response to the smuggling of migrants; (c) two legislative drafting workshops to support the legislative reform process; and (d) four capacity-building workshops to strengthen the capacity of Member States to investigate and prosecute the smuggling of migrants.

5. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraph 25, it is estimated that extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$1,375,100 would be required for staff coordination of network activities and travel for participants to network meetings. The resources will provide for 4 professional staff (2 at the P-5 level and 2 at the P-4 level) and 1 GS (Other level) staff, as well as 4 regional trainings (Latin America, West Africa, Central Asia and the Gulf Countries) with 30 participants each.

6. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraph 32, it is estimated that additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$237,000 would be required for the provision of legislative assistance.

The level of resource requirements would provide for twelve months of a professional post at the P-3 level and missions to Member States. Additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$371,000 would also be required for the provision of technical assistance to provide for one professional post at the P-3 level and one General Service (Other level) post for 12 months and advisory missions. Additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$579,800 would be required for enhanced data collection and analysis. This amount would provide for one professional post at the P-3 level (Research Officer) for 24 months and for one General Service (Other level) post for 6 months as well as consultancy and database development and administration for data collection and analysis.

7. Should the additional extrabudgetary resources mentioned above not be available, the activities will not take place.

8. Accordingly, adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.16/Rev.1 would not give rise to any additional implications under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.