

**Oral statement on draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.3 entitled  
"Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners"**

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
2. By operative paragraphs 11, 12 and 18 of draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.3, the General Assembly would:
  - "11. *Decide to extend the mandate of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group, authorising it to continue its work, with the aim of reaching a consensus, and to present a report to the next Crime Congress, as part of the workshop on the role of UN standard and norms on crime prevention and criminal justice in support of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice system, and to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twenty-fourth session for consideration and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the required services and support are provided;*
  - "12. *Invite the bureau of the third meeting of the Expert Group to continue to be involved in the revision of the rules by preparing, with the assistance of the Secretariat, a revised consolidated working paper, in all official languages of the United Nations, consisting of the draft revised rules, which should reflect the progress achieved so far, including the recommendations made by the Expert Group at its meetings in Buenos Aires and Vienna, taking also into account proposals for revision put forward by Member States in relation to the areas and rules identified by the General Assembly in operative paragraph 6 of its resolution 67/188 for submission to and consideration by the next meeting of the Expert Group;*
  - "18. *Reiterate its request to the Secretary-General to continue to promote the use and application of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice by, inter alia, providing advisory services and technical assistance to Member States on request, including assistance in crime prevention, criminal justice and law reform, and in the organization of training for law enforcement, crime prevention and criminal justice personnel and support in the administration and management of penal and penitentiary systems, thus contributing to the upgrading of their efficiency and capabilities;"*
3. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraphs 11 and 12, it is envisaged that additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$632,000 would be required for one meeting of the Intergovernmental

Expert Group in Cape Town, South Africa. The resources would provide for 8 meetings (four days), with interpretation and documentation services in the six official languages of the United Nations, one professional post at the P-3 level for 4 months, and 1 General Service (Other level) post for 2 months, as well as travel of three staff members of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to the intergovernmental expert group meeting.

4. It should be noted that the consolidated working paper, referred to in operative paragraph 12, will serve as pre-session documentation for the Intergovernmental Expert Group meeting. The report of the Intergovernmental Expert Group to the Crime Congress and to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twenty-fourth session (operative paragraph 11) will serve as post-session document of the Intergovernmental Expert Group.
5. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraph 18, it is envisaged that additional extrabudgetary resources in the amount of \$634,400 would be required to provide the technical assistance needed. The resources will provide for advisory services missions to 8 countries, one professional post at the P-4 level, one additional professional post at the P-3 level and one additional General Service (Other level) post each for 1 year, and one consultant for 4 months.
6. Should the additional extrabudgetary resources mentioned above not be provided, the activities will not take place.
7. Hence, the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.3 would not entail any additional appropriation under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.