

**Oral statement on the draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.4  
entitled "International cooperation in criminal matters"**

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the General Assembly.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 8, 10, 14 and 15 of draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.4, the General Assembly would:
  - "8. *Request the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue providing technical assistance to Member States, upon request, in order to enhance the capacity of experts and staff of central authorities to effectively and expeditiously deal with mutual legal assistance requests;*
  - "10. *Request the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue supporting central authorities in strengthening communication channels and, as appropriate, in exchanging information at both the regional and international levels, for the purposes of enhancing the effectiveness of cooperation in criminal matters in all its aspects, especially in dealing with requests for mutual legal assistance;*
  - "14. *Also request the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in coordination and cooperation with Member States, to collect and disseminate information about the national legal requirements of Member States concerning international cooperation in criminal matters for the purpose of enhancing the knowledge and strengthening the capacity of practitioners so that they can better understand different legal systems and their requirements with regard to international cooperation while avoiding duplication of the work done in the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;*
  - "15. *Further request the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue supporting the establishment and functioning of regional networks of central authorities responsible for dealing with mutual legal assistance requests, so as to contribute to the exchange of experiences and strengthen knowledge-based expertise in the area of international cooperation in criminal matters, and to help to establish international networks and partnerships among Member State."*
3. With regard to the requests contained in operative paragraphs 8 and 10, the activities foreseen in this paragraph will be implemented to the extent that extrabudgetary resources are made available.

4. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraph 14, the envisaged activities will be undertaken in 2014 within existing extrabudgetary resources available under the global programme to support the work of the Conference of the Parties to the Organized Crime Convention. Thereafter, updating of collection and dissemination of information about national legal requirements would be implemented to the extent that additional extrabudgetary resources are made available.
5. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraph 15, to the extent that the implementation of such recommendation to the Commission will imply tasking UNODC with the organization of intergovernmental expert group meetings - or other implementation modalities - for the review of the relevant Model Treaties on international cooperation in criminal matters such activities will be implemented if corresponding extra-budgetary resources are made available.
6. Should the additional extrabudgetary resources mentioned above not be provided, the related activities will not take place.
7. Hence, adoption of the draft resolution A/C.3/69/L.4 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.