

Resolution

2005/17

International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 55/25 of 15 November 2000, by which it adopted the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 55/255 of 31 May 2001, by which it adopted the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 59/157 of 20 December 2004, entitled “International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto”, and 59/159 of 20 December 2004, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”,

Reaffirming its deep concern at the impact of transnational organized crime on the political, social and economic stability and development of societies,

Reaffirming that the adoption of the Convention and the Protocols thereto is a significant development in international criminal law and that they constitute important instruments for effective international cooperation, including regional and subregional cooperation, against transnational organized crime,

Taking note of the proposals of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime contained in his report entitled “In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all”,¹

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto;²

2. *Welcomes* the entry into force of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,³ of the Protocol

¹ A/59/2005.

² E/CN.15/2005/6.

³ General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex I.

to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,⁴ of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,⁵ and of the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;⁶

3. *Notes* that the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime was held in Vienna from 28 June to 9 July 2004, and looks forward to the second session of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in Vienna from 10 to 21 October 2005;

4. *Commends* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for its work in promoting the ratification of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, including, in particular, the preparation of legislative guides designed to facilitate the ratification and subsequent implementation of those instruments, and invites the Office to disseminate the legislative guides as widely as possible;

5. *Urges* all States and relevant regional economic integration organizations that have not done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto as soon as possible;

6. *Also urges* all States and relevant regional economic integration organizations to take all necessary measures to improve international cooperation, including regional and subregional cooperation, in criminal matters, especially extradition and mutual legal assistance, in accordance with their international obligations;

7. *Welcomes* the financial support provided by several donors to promote the entry into force and implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, and encourages Member States to make sufficient voluntary contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, as well as contributions in direct support of activities and projects of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including through contributions to the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, for the provision of technical assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition for the implementation of those international legal instruments;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with the resources necessary to enable it to promote, in an effective manner, the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto and to discharge its functions as the secretariat of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in accordance with its mandate;

⁴ General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex II.

⁵ General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex III.

⁶ General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex.

9. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, building on the experience gained from the preparation of the legislative guides, to consult with the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime concerning the preparation of manuals and other tools to facilitate the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto;

10. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within available extrabudgetary resources, not excluding the use of existing resources from the regular budget of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,⁷ to continue to assist States, upon request, with capacity-building in the area of ratification as well as implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, in particular through international cooperation in criminal matters, including extradition and mutual legal assistance;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly the reports of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution in his report on the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session.

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22 July 2005*

⁷ This new language does not provide a basis for an increase in the regular budget or requests for supplemental increases.