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Addendum

IV. Financial and budgetary matters

1. A representative of the secretariat provided information on the expenditures incurred for the operation of the first and second cycles of the Implementation Review Mechanism as at 29 February 2020, on projected expenditures for the completion of the first cycle, and on projected expenditures for the operation of the second cycle. The representative also provided details on the resources received from both the regular budget of the United Nations and voluntary contributions.
2. With regard to regular budget resources, the representative highlighted the actual and possible implications of the liquidity crisis of the regular budget of the United Nations by negatively affecting its capacity to fill vacant regular budget posts and also by possibly hampering Conference Management Services from ensuring adequate interpretation during future meetings.
3. With respect to extrabudgetary expenditures, the representative informed the Group that \$9,770,000 and \$3,583,200 had been spent in support of operating, respectively, the first and the second cycles of the Mechanism as at 29 February 2020.
4. The representative also informed the Group that the extrabudgetary resource requirements of \$10,119,300 for the first cycle were fully covered by extrabudgetary contributions.
5. Expressing its appreciation for the voluntary contributions and in-kind contributions made by States to support the Mechanism, the representative drew attention to the extrabudgetary funding gap. The representative informed the Group that, taking into account pledges that UNODC had received since 1 March 2020, a funding gap of \$1,387,000 needed to be closed in order to fully cover the financial requirements of the second cycle.
6. With regard to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the representative of the secretariat stated that it was too early to assess its financial impact on the extrabudgetary resources of the Mechanism. Concluding its financial report, the representative reminded the Group that the key cost-saving measures continued to be applied.



7. In response to that report, several speakers expressed their satisfaction with the transparency and regularity of the secretariat's financial reporting, as well as its strong support to the Mechanism.
8. Some speakers listed their countries' past, recent and forthcoming voluntary contributions to the Mechanism and encouraged other States to make extrabudgetary contributions in order to ensure the sustainability of the Mechanism.
9. One speaker stated her country's support for the current mixed funding model, with parts of the support to and operation of the Mechanism funded from the regular budget of the United Nations and other parts from voluntary contributions, in line with Conference resolution 3/1 and the terms of reference of the Mechanism, expressed concern about the costs of operating the Mechanism, and asked the secretariat to provide more information about the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic as soon as sufficient information was available to draw conclusions.

V. Other matters

10. One speaker noted that her Government attached great importance to the issue of corruption in sports, as highlighted in Conference resolution 8/4, adopted by the Conference at its eighth session, held in Abu Dhabi in December 2019, and called on States to allocate the necessary resources to implement the resolution. In addition, the speaker referred to Conference resolution 8/5 on enhancing integrity by raising public awareness, adopted at the same session, and mentioned the International Youth Social Anti-Corruption Advertising Competition, which invited young people to submit entries in any of the official languages of the United Nations, as one initiative to raise awareness of corruption and promote the wider participation of society in corruption prevention activities. The speaker requested UNODC to share on its website information on the competition with all States parties.
11. A representative of the secretariat informed the Group that the link to the Youth Competition was already available on the UNODC website. In addition, the representative informed the Group of the recent publication entitled "Set of non-binding recommendations and conclusions based on lessons learned regarding the implementation of chapters III and IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption". The non-binding recommendations contained in the publication, which had been endorsed by the Conference at its eighth session, summarized the findings and results of 169 completed country reviews of chapters III (Criminalization and law enforcement) and IV (International cooperation) of the Convention and provided a set of optional measures for States to strengthen their efforts in the fight against corruption.

VI. Provisional agenda for the twelfth session

12. One speaker noted that, given the current circumstances relating to the ongoing health crisis, it was difficult to anticipate the format of the next session and suggested that the consideration of the provisional agenda for the twelfth session be delayed to one of the resumed sessions.
