

## ECOSOC Resolution 2007/15

### Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/1 of 31 January 2003, 2003/53 of 24 July 2003, 2004/1 of 3 May 2004, 2004/59 and 2004/61 of 23 July 2004, 2005/2 of 1 March 2005, 2005/32 of 26 July 2005 and 2006/11 of 26 July 2006 and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002,

*Noting* the appointment of a new Government in April 2007 and encouraging the Government of Guinea-Bissau to intensify its efforts to further deepen economic reforms and to strengthen governance,

*Expressing concern* at the marked increase in the use of the territory of Guinea-Bissau for drug trafficking and its possible impact on the State, and in this regard encouraging the efforts of the Government of Guinea-Bissau, with the assistance of the international community, to combat this newly emerging challenge,

*Recognizing* the need for strong regional and international support for the continuing efforts of the Government of Guinea-Bissau to improve political and institutional stability,

*Welcoming* the establishment of the International Contact Group on Guinea-Bissau and its role in mobilizing support for the country,

*Also welcoming* the positive and constructive role of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau in supporting the country in its pursuit of its pressing short- and long-term development objectives,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Welcomes* the holding of the donor round-table conference in Geneva on 7 and 8 November 2006 and urges the donor community to disburse funds in line with the pledges made, including for budgetary support, with a view to contributing to the clearing of the 2007 fiscal deficit;
3. *Stresses* the importance of implementing the country's poverty reduction strategy and its security sector reform plan, and of funding them;
4. *Reaffirms* the need to create an enabling environment in Guinea-Bissau to promote sustainable development in the country, including through a commitment to transparent and sound public expenditure management;
5. *Invites* the partners of Guinea-Bissau to provide both technical and financial support for the next legislative elections, which are due by March 2008;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Development Group and relevant funds, programmes and specialized

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<sup>1</sup> E/2007/57.

agencies to continue to assist the Ad Hoc Advisory Group in accomplishing its mandate, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to continue to cooperate towards that end;

7. *Expresses its satisfaction* to the Secretary-General for the support provided to the work of the Group and requests him to continue to adequately support its activities;

8. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau until the substantive session of 2008, unless the Council decides on an earlier review of the mandate, and requests the Group to report, as appropriate, to the Council.

*45th plenary meeting  
26 July 2007*