

## **ECOSOC Decision 2005/248**

### **Round table for Africa: crime and drugs as impediments to security and development in Africa: strengthening the rule of law**

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 22 July 2005, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2004/32 of 21 July 2004, entitled “Implementation of technical assistance projects in Africa by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”, in particular paragraph 5 of that resolution, decided to request the Secretary-General:

(a) To mandate the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to organize, within available extrabudgetary resources, not excluding the use of existing resources from the regular budget of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,<sup>1</sup> and in coordination with the African Union and interested Member States, the Round Table for Africa for interested Member States, relevant agencies and institutes providing technical assistance to African States and promoting South-South cooperation;

(b) To mandate the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to convene the Round table for Africa, which in principle should be held before the end of 2005.

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<sup>1</sup> This new language does not provide a basis for an increase in the regular budget or requests for supplemental increases.