

as non-governmental organizations concerned, to consider at their regular meetings appropriate ways and means for the improvement of co-ordination and information in the field of youth in the context of the preparation for and observance of the International Youth Year;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary organizational measures to ensure the success of the observance of the International Youth Year in 1985 within the United Nations system in accordance with the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year;

4. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1985, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, the progress achieved in co-ordination and information in the field of youth.

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1984/45. Continuation of preparations for the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The Economic and Social Council.

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, 32/60 of 8 December 1977 and 36/21 of 9 November 1981,

Recalling also Council resolutions 1982/29 and 1982/30 of 4 May 1982,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁹⁶ and the note by the Secretariat⁹⁷ relating to preparations for the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

Conscious of the need to increase the publicity relating to the Seventh Congress, and the impact of its results,

Aware of the important work to be accomplished by the interregional preparatory meetings,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the regional preparatory meetings⁹⁸ with their respective recommendations on the substantive items of the provisional agenda for the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;⁹⁹

2. *Takes note also* of the discussion guide for the regional and interregional preparatory meetings for the Seventh Congress;¹⁰⁰

3. *Recommends* the Seventh Congress to consider in depth the resolutions adopted at the regional preparatory meetings;

4. *Recommends also* the Seventh Congress to finalize, under item 3 of its provisional agenda, the guiding principles for crime prevention and criminal

justice in the context of development and a new international economic order as reviewed by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on the basis of the observations made at the regional preparatory meetings,¹⁰¹ and to make every effort to secure their adoption for the strengthening of international co-operation in this field;

5. *Decides* that the Seventh Congress should be held from 26 August to 6 September 1985, with two days of pre-Congress consultations;

6. *Decides also* that items 1, 2, 3 and 8 of the provisional agenda should be considered in plenary meeting, and that items 4 and 7 should be allocated to Committee I and items 5 and 6 to Committee II;

7. *Decides further* that the general theme for the Seventh Congress should be "Crime prevention for freedom, justice, peace and development";

8. *Approves* the documentation for the Seventh Congress as outlined by the Secretary-General;¹⁰²

9. *Invites* Governments to finalize national preparations related to the Seventh Congress, including the submission of national papers, and to consider the inclusion of national correspondents in their delegations to the Congress;

10. *Invites* representatives of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control attending the interregional preparatory meetings for the Seventh Congress to ensure that reports of the meetings, with related recommendations, are in conformity with the policy guidelines given by the Committee;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint a Secretary-General for the Seventh Congress, in accordance with the standard practice for major United Nations conferences;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to invite 25 expert consultants to participate in the Seventh Congress, at the expense of the United Nations, as was done on the occasion of the Sixth Congress, so as to ensure that adequate expertise is provided to the Congress by each region for each substantive item of the provisional agenda;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in the organization of the Seventh Congress, to include the following activities:

(a) Lectures to be given by outstanding experts and scholars selected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;

(b) Research workshop on youth crime and juvenile justice, to be organized with the joint co-operation of the United Nations Social Defence Research Institute, the United Nations regional institutes for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders and competent national and international research institutes;

(c) Ancillary meetings of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council concerning items of the provisional agenda, in accordance with existing legislative regulations;

⁹⁶ E/AC.57/1984/7 and Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2.

⁹⁷ E/AC.57/1984/8.

⁹⁸ A/CONF.121/RPM/1 and Corr.1; A/CONF.121/RPM/2 and Corr.1; A/CONF.121/RPM/3-5.

⁹⁹ See Council resolution 1982/29, para. 1.

¹⁰⁰ A/CONF.121/PM/1.

¹⁰¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 6 (E/1984/16)*, chap. I, sect. C, decision 8/1.

¹⁰² E/AC.57/1984/7/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2, annex II.

(d) Meetings for professional and geographical interest groups;

(e) General meeting of national correspondents:

14. Urges the Secretary-General to strengthen the information programme related to the Seventh Congress.

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1984/46. Alternatives to imprisonment

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolutions 8 and 10 of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,¹⁰³

Acknowledging the importance of further developing alternatives to the sanction of imprisonment,

Considering the noticeable progress made in various countries in intensifying contacts between sentenced persons and the community at large,

Aware that further progress is needed in order to reduce the social and psychological costs related to imprisonment,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on alternatives to imprisonment and measures for the social resettlement of offenders;¹⁰⁴

2. Encourages Member States to increase their efforts in order to further expand the use of such measures;

3. Calls the attention of Member States to the recommendation of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders that the principles on linking the rehabilitation of offenders to related social services should be taken into account when formulating strategies for deinstitutionalization within the overall framework of crime prevention;¹⁰⁵

4. Welcomes the recommendation of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control that these matters should be considered by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, under the item of the provisional agenda¹⁰⁶ entitled "Formulation and application of United Nations standards and norms in criminal justice";

5. Requests the Secretary-General to update the report on alternatives to imprisonment, on the basis of information to be provided by Member States and other sources, including relevant non-governmental

organizations and professional organizations, for submission to the Seventh Congress.

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1984/47. Procedures for the effective implementation of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the importance of the recommendations contained in the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners adopted by the First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, and approved by the Council in its resolution 663 C (XXIV) of 31 July 1957.

Noting with satisfaction the impact of the Rules on national laws and practices,

Concerned, however, that there still exist obstacles of various kinds to the full implementation of the Rules, as evidenced in the periodic United Nations reports on their implementation,

Recalling the recommendations of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,¹⁰⁷ and Council resolution 1993 (LX) of 12 May 1976, in which the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control was requested at its fourth session to study the range of application of the Rules and to formulate a set of implementing procedures for the Rules,

Taking note with appreciation of the work accomplished in pursuance of that mandate by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its fourth session in 1976¹⁰⁸ and at its eighth session¹⁰⁹ in pursuance of the recommendations of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which invited the Committee to finalize the procedures in the light of its report,¹¹⁰

1. Approves the procedures for the effective implementation of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2. Invites Member States to take the procedures annexed hereto into consideration in the process of implementing the Rules and in their periodic reports to the United Nations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Governments of the Member States, and to assist them at their

¹⁰³ See *Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Caracas, 25 August-5 Sept. 1980: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IV.4), chap. I, sect. B.

¹⁰⁴ E/AC.57/1984/9.

¹⁰⁵ See *Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Caracas, 25 August-5 September 1980: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IV.4), chap. I, sect. C.6, para. 8.

¹⁰⁶ See Council resolution 1982/29, para. 1.

¹⁰⁷ See *Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Geneva, 1-12 September 1975: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.2 and corrigendum), para. 23.

¹⁰⁸ See E/CN.5/536.

¹⁰⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 6 (E/1984/16)*, chap. IV.

¹¹⁰ See *Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Caracas, 25 August-5 September 1980: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IV.4), chap. I, sect. C.6, para. 4.