

(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 September 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.