

tation, paying particular attention to technical co-operation activities in developmental social welfare for developing countries, and that specific actions shall be referred to the appropriate functional commissions of the Council;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the provisional agenda of the forty-second session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes".

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1987/49. Preparations for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950 the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders is to be convened in 1990,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 32/59 and 32/60 of 8 December 1977 and 35/171 of 15 December 1980, in which the Assembly noted the importance of United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 40/32 of 29 November 1985, in which the Assembly expressed its satisfaction with the report of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders⁶⁶ and with the preparatory work carried out for it by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its seventh and eighth sessions and by the regional and interregional preparatory meetings convened in co-operation with the regional commissions, interregional and regional crime prevention institutes and interested Governments,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/45 of 25 May 1984 on the continuation of preparations for the Seventh Congress,

Recognizing the significant contributions of the congresses to the promotion and strengthening of international co-operation in crime prevention and criminal justice,

Determined to improve regional, interregional and international co-operation and co-ordination to achieve further progress in the formulation and implementation of United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice policy,

Acknowledging the need to promote further governmental, professional and public awareness of the issues related to crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development, particularly during the preparatory phase of the Eighth Congress,

Conscious of the consensus expressed by the General Assembly in relation to the Milan Plan of Action⁶⁷ and other resolutions and recommendations of the Seventh Congress of the need to keep national authorities involved in the preparations for the Eighth Congress,

Having considered the relevant recommendations made by the Committee at its ninth session⁶⁸ and bearing in

⁶⁶ *Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders*, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985. Report prepared by the Secretariat (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1).

⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, chap. I.

⁶⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council*, 1986, Supplement No. 5 (E/1986/25).

mind that, in accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 32/60, the Committee is entrusted with the function of preparing the quinquennial United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁶⁹

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice,⁷⁰

1. *Approves* the following provisional agenda for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, as recommended by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its ninth session:

1. Opening of the Congress
2. Organizational matters
3. Crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development: realities and perspectives of international co-operation
4. Criminal justice policies in relation to problems of imprisonment, other penal sanctions and alternative measures
5. Effective national and international action against:
 - (a) organized crime
 - (b) terrorist criminal activities
6. Prevention of delinquency, juvenile justice and the protection of the young: policy approaches and directions
7. United Nations norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice: implementation and priorities for further standard setting
8. Adoption of the report of the Congress;
2. *Decides* that item 3 should be considered in plenary meeting, the remaining items to be dealt with by two main committees;
3. *Encourages* Governments to make preparations for the Congress by all appropriate means, with a view to formulating national position papers, and to consider including national correspondents in Congress delegations;
4. *Invites* Member States to submit, for consideration by the Eighth Congress, information to the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Seventh Congress in order to ensure continuity between the congresses;
5. *Invites also* the regional commissions, national correspondents, regional and interregional institutes for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, specialized agencies and other entities within the United Nations system, concerned intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to become actively involved in the preparations for the Eighth Congress;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to ensure the successful undertaking of the preparatory activities for the Eighth Congress, as well as the success of the Congress itself, including the convening of the regional preparatory meetings and interregional meetings of experts in 1988 and 1989, and the commissioning of experts and consultants, selected with

⁶⁹ E/AC.57/1986/5

⁷⁰ E/1987/43

due regard to equitable geographical representation, to assist in the preparation of the necessary documentation and in the professional conduct of the proceedings of the Congress, in accordance with rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure of the congresses and taking into account chapter IV of his report on the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the organization of the Eighth Congress, to include the following activities:

(a) Lectures to be given by outstanding experts and scholars, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

(b) A general meeting of national correspondents;

(c) Research workshops on appropriate topics related to the substantive items of the provisional agenda for the Eighth Congress, as an integral part of the Congress;

8. *Recommends* that adequate provision be made for the participation of the regional commissions in the eleventh session of the Committee and the Eighth Congress;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to facilitate the organization of:

(a) Ancillary meetings at the Congress site of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council concerning issues relating to substantive items of the provisional agenda for the Eighth Congress, in accordance with existing legislative regulations;

(b) Meetings of professional and geographical interest groups;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources to the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in order to enable its Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to undertake, in an effective and timely manner, all the preparatory activities for the Eighth Congress,

11. *Decides* that the Chairman of the Committee should appoint special consultants from among the members of the Committee who may give advice on behalf of the Committee in respect of the regional and interregional preparatory meetings for the Eighth Congress;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available the necessary resources for the participation of the least developed countries in the regional preparatory meetings for the Congress and in the Congress itself;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide resources, as required, to ensure a wide and effective programme of public information related to the preparations for the Congress.

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1987/50. Improvement of the work of the Commission for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of the evolving world social situation and the pressing demands for international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural and humanitarian character,

Aware of the need for a comprehensive and integrated approach to socio-economic development,

Bearing in mind the principles, objectives, means and methods set forth in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, based on the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969,

Recalling its resolutions 10 (II) of 21 June 1946 on the Temporary Social Commission, 830 J (XXXII) of 2 August 1961 on the strengthening of the work of the United Nations in the social field and 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966, in which it adopted the present mandate and present designation of the Commission for Social Development,

Taking into account its resolution 1985/36 of 29 May 1985 on the progress of work of the Commission for Social Development,

Noting General Assembly resolution 40/98 of 13 December 1985 on improvement of the role of the United Nations in the field of social development,

Recalling its resolution 1986/14 of 21 May 1986 on improvement of the work of the Commission for Social Development,

Having considered Commission for Social Development resolution 30/2 and the measures for improvement of its work contained in the annex thereto,⁷¹

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the work of the Commission for Social Development,⁷²

Mindful of the role of the Commission for Social Development as the central specialized intergovernmental body concerned with social issues,

Recalling its decisions 1987/112 of 6 February 1987, by which it requested all subsidiary bodies of the Council to submit to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields their views and proposals on achieving the objectives envisaged in recommendation 8 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986,

Conscious of the need to ensure that the frequency and duration of the meetings of the functional commissions of the Council enable them to discharge properly their important functions,

1. *Approves* the proposals adopted by the Commission for Social Development on the improvement of its work, as contained in the annex to its resolution 30/2;⁷¹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for Commission for Social Development resolution 30/2 to be submitted to the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Decides* to consider, on the basis of the discussion and recommendations of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-first session, the question of membership in the Commission and the frequency and duration of its meetings at its first regular session of 1989, taking into account the conclusions of the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council.

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⁷¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 7 (E/1987/20)*, chap. I, sect. D.

⁷² E/1987/42.