

continue to make new provisions in order to offer a selection of projects to donor countries that may be willing to finance a particular programme under the "Special Purpose Contributions";

14. *Reaffirms* that the resources of the Voluntary Fund should be used to support catalytic and innovative activities in order to implement further the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, with priority given, as appropriate, to programmes and projects of the least developed countries;

15. *Invites* Governments and non-governmental organizations to continue their contributions to the Voluntary Fund, and calls upon Governments and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Fund so as to enable it to respond effectively to the growing demand for assistance;

16. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Sweden for having acted as host to the Global Meeting of Experts to Review the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons at the Mid-Point of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, held at Stockholm from 17 to 22 August 1987, and to the experts who participated;

17. *Requests* Member States and all relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system to submit to the Secretary-General their comments on the recommendations outlined in paragraphs 10 to 39 of the report of the Global Meeting of Experts,³⁶ as well as on the report of the Secretary-General on the evaluation of the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons during the first half of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons³⁵ and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1988;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons".

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42/59. Crime prevention and criminal justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice under Economic and Social Council resolution 155 (C) (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, the importance of which was reaffirmed by the Assembly in its resolution 41/107 of 4 December 1986,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, *inter alia*, the reduction of criminality, encouragement of more efficient and effective administration of justice, observance of all human rights and promotion of the highest standards of fairness, humanity and professional conduct,

Recognizing the crucial functions of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in developing practical crime prevention and criminal justice policies and strategies as a standing expert body of the Economic and Social Council and as a preparatory body for the quinquennial United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,

Noting with concern that the significant increase in the work-load of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, particularly in relation to the follow-up to the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, has not been matched by corresponding adjustments in the level of resources needed to discharge this work-load and to implement properly the additional work mandated by the policy-making bodies,

Acknowledging that the serious constraints on the human and financial resources available to the Secretariat for work in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice may jeopardize the progress achieved to date, as well as future activities,

Reaffirming that the quinquennial congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders are of fundamental importance to progress in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and provide unique opportunities for focusing on specific priority problems, as well as for assessing general trends and sharing perspectives, establishing norms and standards and evaluating their implementation, monitoring the results of the United Nations programme of work as a whole and setting priorities for action in the following quinquennium,

Recognizing the pivotal role of the United Nations, through its programme activities and congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, in promoting the exchange of expertise and experience and closer international co-operation in this field,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice;³⁷

2. *Urges* Member States and the Secretary-General to make every effort to translate into action, as appropriate, the respective recommendations, policies and conclusions stemming from the Milan Plan of Action and other relevant resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders³⁸ and to accord priority attention to the forms of crime identified in the Milan Plan of Action through strengthening international co-operation;

3. *Welcomes* the results of the comprehensive review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice conducted by the Secretary-General³⁹ and considered by the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control;

4. *Approves* the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolutions 1986/11 of 21 May 1986 and 1987/53 of 28 May 1987, and requests the Secretary-General and the relevant bodies to take appropriate measures for their full and prompt implementation, pay-

³⁷ A/42/453.

³⁸ See *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).

³⁹ E/1987/43.

³⁶ See CSDHA/DDP/GME/7 of 1 September 1987.

ing particular attention to the elements identified in paragraph 3 of Council resolution 1987/53;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure that the United Nations programme of work in crime prevention and criminal justice is supported by adequate resources through, *inter alia*, appropriate redeployment of staff and funds, including from relevant departments at Headquarters, and to ensure that the specialized and technical nature of the programme and the high priority attached by Member States to crime prevention and criminal justice are fully reflected in the future management and staffing of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch;

6. *Endorses* the recommendations related to the preparation of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held in 1990, contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/49 of 28 May 1987, and requests the Secretary-General to take immediate steps to ensure the successful and cost-effective preparation of the Eighth Congress, including the early appointment of its Secretary-General, the organization and appropriate scheduling of the interregional and regional preparatory meetings and the timely finalization and circulation of the required documentation through the provision of the necessary resources, including temporary assistance;

7. *Calls upon* Member States to participate actively in preparations for the Eighth Congress, particularly through involvement of the United Nations national correspondents in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, the submission of relevant position papers on the different agenda items, the establishment, whenever appropriate, of national focal points and the encouragement of contributions from non-governmental organizations, academics and other experts;

8. *Invites* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its tenth session to accord priority to preparations for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and to ensure adequate follow-up to the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice undertaken by the Economic and Social Council;

9. *Encourages* Member States and relevant organizations, in particular the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat, to support and complement the activities of the United Nations regional and interregional institutes for crime prevention and control, particularly the newly established African Regional Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, as well as the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, by providing technical and financial assistance;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop appropriate strategies to revitalize the United Nations Trust Fund for Social Defence and appeals for increased contributions from Member States, private foundations and others able to assist;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, at its forty-third session, on the implementation of the present resolution, taking also into account the relevant recommendations of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its tenth session, providing updated information on preparations for the Eighth Congress;

12. *Decides* to consider this subject again, under the item entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice", at its forty-third session.

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42/60. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction of any kind, including distinction as to sex,

Affirming that women and men should participate equally in social, economic and political development, should contribute equally to such development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

Recalling its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also its resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981, 37/64 of 3 December 1982, 38/109 of 16 December 1983, 39/130 of 14 December 1984, 40/39 of 29 November 1985 and 41/108 of 4 December 1986,

Aware of the important contribution that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women⁴⁰ can make to eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and to achieving legal and *de facto* equality between women and men,

Noting the emphasis placed by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace on ratification of and accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its sixth session,⁴¹ notably general recommendations 2, 3 and 4 on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention,⁴²

1. *Welcomes* the ratification of or accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by an increasing number of Member States;

2. *Urges* all States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so as soon as possible;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit annually to the General Assembly a report on the status of the Convention;

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention;⁴³

⁴⁰ *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

⁴¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/42/38).*

⁴² *Ibid.*, sect. IV.

⁴³ A/42/627.