

technical support required, in view of inadequate staffing and other financial constraints;

7. *Authorizes* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to continue the practice of convening a pre-sessional working group for two days before each session;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control and its pre-sessional working group with all the assistance necessary for the successful completion of their tasks;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, the widest possible dissemination of United Nations standards in crime prevention and criminal justice and the periodic reports on their implementation, in as many languages as possible, and to make them available to all States and to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned;

10. *Emphasizes* the significant role of the United Nations regional and interregional institutes and regional commissions, the Arab Security Studies and Training Centre, the regional and interregional advisers in crime prevention and criminal justice, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, including professional associations concerned with promoting United Nations standards in crime prevention and criminal justice, and invites them to continue and intensify their active involvement;

11. *Reaffirms* the importance of developing diversified funding strategies, including recourse to voluntary and mixed multilateral and bilateral contributions for specific projects, and of strengthening the involvement of United Nations development agencies, including the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank;

12. *Invites* the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to consider the following issues:

(a) The means by which to accord adequate priority to the implementation of existing standards;

(b) The possibility of consolidating reporting arrangements.

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1990/22. Victims of crime and abuse of power

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 40/34 of 29 November 1985, by which the Assembly adopted the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, which is contained in the annex to the resolution and which had been approved by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

Recalling that in the same resolution the General Assembly called upon Member States and other entities to take the necessary steps to give effect to the provisions contained in the Declaration and to curtail victimization,

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/57 of 24 May 1989 on the implementation of the Declaration,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the preparatory meetings for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁵⁰

Having considered the Guide for Practitioners on the Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power,⁵¹

Recognizing the need for continuing efforts to give effect to the Declaration, and to adapt it to meet the full range of needs and the circumstances of different countries,

Recognizing, in particular, the need to look beyond national measures in some instances, especially where victims of transnational crimes and abuse of power are concerned,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power;⁵²

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, together with all the entities of the United Nations system and other appropriate organizations, to undertake and co-ordinate the necessary action, with a humanitarian objective, to prevent and curtail severe victimization where national means of recourse are insufficient, and:

(a) To monitor the situation;

(b) To develop and institute means of conflict resolution and mediation;

(c) To promote access to justice and redress for victims;

(d) To assist in providing material, medical and psycho-social assistance to victims and their families;

3. *Invites* the United Nations regional and interregional institutes to provide mechanisms for the development and international co-ordination of services for victims, and to promote the collection, collation and exchange of information and ideas in order to improve standards for the treatment of victims;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to devote attention to policy and research on the situation of victims of crime and abuse of power and to the effective implementation of General Assembly resolution 40/34;

5. *Recommends* that Member States and the United Nations regional and interregional institutes take the necessary steps to provide professional and other persons dealing with victims with suitable training in issues concerning victims, taking into account the model training curriculum developed for this purpose;⁵³

6. *Invites* the United Nations funding agencies, especially the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat, to support technical co-

⁵⁰ See A/CONF.144/IPM.1-4 and 5 and Corr.1 and A/CONF.144/RPM.1 and Corr.1, 2 and Corr.1, 3 and Corr.1 and 2, 4 and Corr.1 and 5 and Corr.1.

⁵¹ See E/AC.57/1990/CRP.1.

⁵² E/AC.57/1990/3.

⁵³ See E/AC.57/1990/NGO/3.

operation programmes for the establishment of services for victims;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further develop international means of recourse and redress for victims where national channels may be insufficient and to report to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, at its twelfth session, on the development of such means;

8. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to take into account, in his study of compensation to victims of gross violations of human rights, the relevant work and recommendations of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control;

9. *Invites* the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to recommend wide distribution of the Guide for Practitioners on the Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power⁵¹ and the measures for implementation of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, submitted by a committee of experts that met at the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, Syracuse, Italy, in May 1986.⁵⁴

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1990/23. Continuation of preparations for the Eighth 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, 41/107 of 4 December 1986, 42/59 of 30 November 1987, 43/99 of 8 December 1988 and 44/72 of 8 December 1989,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/49 of 28 May 1987 and 1989/69 of 24 May 1989,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council have reaffirmed in numerous resolutions the importance of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders as global events providing a forum for the exchange of expertise and experience in priority areas and for the development of policy options and international co-operation in the field of crime,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the continuation of preparations for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁵⁵

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the regional preparatory meetings for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held in 1989;⁵⁶

2. *Approves* the organization of work for the Eighth Congress, as proposed by the Secretary-General in his report;⁵⁷

3. *Commends* the Secretary-General of the Eighth Congress for the important work done in preparing for the Congress, in spite of the limited resources available;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, which, as the preparatory body for the Congress, has provided overall guidance;

5. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the reports of the regional preparatory meetings for the Eighth Congress, as reviewed by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, and recommends that the Congress approve them;

6. *Approves* the documentation for the Eighth Congress, which was reviewed by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its tenth and eleventh sessions;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the preparations for the two workshops to be held during the Eighth Congress, one on alternatives to imprisonment and the other on the computerization of the administration of criminal justice;⁵⁸

8. *Invites* all Governments to attend the Eighth Congress at the highest appropriate level;

9. *Invites* Governments to finalize their national preparations for the Eighth Congress, including the submission of national papers, and to consider including members of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control and national correspondents in their delegations to the Congress;

10. *Welcomes* the organization of ancillary meetings of professional groups during the Congress;⁵⁹

11. *Urges* the regional commissions, the regional and interregional institutes for crime prevention and the treatment of offenders, the specialized agencies and other entities within the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations concerned, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, professional organizations and experts to attend the Eighth Congress;

12. *Decides* to transmit to the Eighth Congress the draft resolutions recommended by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its eleventh session.⁶⁰

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1990/24. Education, training and public awareness in the field of crime prevention

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that in the Milan Plan of Action,²⁹ adopted by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, the Secretary-General was requested to review, in consultation

⁵⁴ See E/AC.57/1988/NGO/1.

⁵⁵ E/AC.57/1990/5 and Add.1-5.

⁵⁶ A/CONF.144/RPM.1 and Corr.1, 2 and Corr.1, 3 and Corr.1 and 2, 4 and Corr.1 and 5 and Corr.1.

⁵⁷ E/AC.57/1990/5, sect. IV.F.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, sect. IV.G.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, sect. IV.L.

⁶⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 10 (E/1990/31), chap. I, sect. C.*