

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.*