

Resolution 1/2. Control of the proceeds of crime*

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Aware that the control of the proceeds of crime and money laundering is an essential element in the struggle against organised and transnational crime,

Convinced that common effective and complementary measures to control such proceeds should be adopted by all Member States,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/107 and 45/123 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly welcomed concerted action to facilitate the seizure and confiscation of proceeds derived from criminal acts, as well as the development of more effective modalities to prevent and control the laundering of money and investment connected with criminal activities,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991,

Recalling the recommendations contained in the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session 22/ on measures to be taken against the effects of money derived from, used in or intended for use in illicit drug trafficking, illegal financial flows and illegal use of the banking system,

Bearing in mind the Convention of the Council of Europe on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds of Crime of 8 November 1990,

Noting the forty recommendations on strengthening the efforts of the international community in the fight against money laundering, adopted by the Financial Action Task Force established by the heads of State or Government of the Group of seven major industrialized countries and the President of the Commission of the European Communities at the fifteenth annual economic summit, held in Paris in July 1989,

Noting also the work carried out in this field by the International Criminal Police Organization,

Welcoming the international efforts already being undertaken in this field to ensure coordination and consultation, including the Council of the European Community Directive of 10 June 1991 and the model regulations concerning laundering offences connected with illicit drug trafficking and related offences, prepared by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States at its eleventh session in March 1992,

Welcoming with appreciation Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 10 (XXXV) of 15 April 1992, 23/

Taking note of the recommendations contained in the note by the Secretary-General entitled "Money laundering and associated issues: the need for international cooperation", 24/

Convinced that effective global action against money laundering and related offences requires coordinated and concerted efforts,

1. Invites Member States to make every effort to modify, where necessary, their national legislation for the purpose of effectively preventing and controlling the laundering of proceeds of crime and related offences;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine the possibility of coordinating efforts already made at the multilateral level against the laundering of proceeds of crime and related offences, including embezzlement, taking into account the relevant mandates conferred upon the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and upon the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;
3. Also requests the Secretary-General to study and propose means for rendering technical assistance to requesting Member States in drafting or revising legislation, in training financial, investigative law enforcement and judicial personnel, in developing regional, subregional or bilateral cooperation, and in providing advice on relevant strategies and techniques;
4. Invites Member States, United Nations bodies and funding agencies to extend their support to the Secretary-General in performing the functions entrusted to him in paragraph 3 above;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to develop specific modalities of cooperation among all United Nations entities with relevant mandates, in particular between the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission at its second session on the above activities.