Recognizing the need to intensify and coordinate efforts against the most dangerous manifestations of crime in order to ensure concerted global action,

Noting that the confirmation by successor States to appropriate depositories that they continue to fulfil obligations of their predecessor States under international treaties on combating various manifestations of crime is important for successful action by the international community against the evils of crime,

1. Urges successor States to confirm to appropriate depositories that they continue to be bound by obligations under relevant international treaties on combating various manifestations of crime to which their predecessor States were parties;

2. Encourages successor States that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties to those international treaties on combating crime to which their predecessor States were not parties;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to render advisory services, upon request, with regard to the legal aspects of the succession or adherence to international treaties on combating crime to successor States that are Members of the United Nations and to include in his report on technical cooperation, to be submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourth session, information on progress achieved in that area, to serve as the basis for further consideration of that issue by the Commission.

Resolution 3/5. Coordination and cooperation between the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme*

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Convinced that the scope of international cooperation in all fields of crime prevention, criminal justice and drug abuse control should be increased as a matter of priority,

Bearing in mind that effective action and cooperation at the national, regional and international levels depend on improved coordination of all activities related to crime prevention, criminal justice and drug abuse control within the United Nations system,


Recalling also General Assembly resolution 48/228 of 23 December 1993, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to strengthen the coordination between the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, taking

* For the discussion, see chap. VI.

into account the role of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and the observations contained in paragraph IV.51 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 56/

Welcoming with appreciation the two conferences to be hosted by the Government of Italy in 1994: the International Conference on Laundering and Controlling Proceeds of Crime: A Global Approach, to be organized in cooperation with the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council and held at Courmayeur, Italy, from 17 to 21 June 1994, and the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime, to be held at Naples, Italy, from 24 to 26 October 1994,

Noting that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in its resolution 1 (XXXVII) of 20 April 1994, requested the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to give appropriate consideration to technical cooperation projects formulated and submitted by the Branch for joint implementation, 57/

1. Decides to take steps towards enhancing active cooperation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of United Nations activities in areas of mutual concern and interest;

2. Welcomes the activities jointly undertaken by the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme of the Secretariat as described in the note by the Secretariat 58/ on coordination of drug-related activities and cooperation between the Branch and the Programme, and recommends that their coordinated activities be sustained and expanded;

3. Requests the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, within the framework of its mandate and within existing financial resources, to cooperate with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in activities related to the above-mentioned conferences, as well as those for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure continued coordination of the activities of the Branch and the Programme, with a view to, inter alia, considering an increase in their capacity to undertake mutually compatible operational activities in their fields of competence in order to meet the existing and emerging needs of Member States, as resources permit, in particular with respect to assistance to requesting States in drafting appropriate legislation, the provision of advisory services and the organization of workshops and other training activities;

5. Requests the Branch and the Programme to plan and undertake joint operational activities in areas of mutual concern;

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6. **Requests** the Branch and the Programme to utilize each other’s expertise in activities involving matters falling within their respective fields of competence;

7. **Requests** the Branch and the Programme to continue the meetings begun in 1993 to review mutual activities in relevant areas of concern, which are in their respective fields of competence, such as mutual legal assistance, extradition, money-laundering, organized crime, legislation relating to the proceeds of crime, corruption, incorporation of anti-drug legislation in national penal codes, protection of human rights in the drafting and enforcement of anti-drug legislation, and crime prevention, especially in urban areas, and to report jointly and annually to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on progress achieved in strengthening coordination.


At its 15th meeting, on 6 May 1994, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice took note of the report of the open-ended in-sessional working group on United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice. 59/

**Decision 3/102. Report of the informal open-ended working group on agenda item 7**

At its 15th meeting, on 6 May 1994, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice took note of the report of the informal open-ended working group on agenda item 7. 60/

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