

## 1994/16. Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to give a high level of priority to the activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1992/22 of 30 July 1992, in section VI of which it accorded high priority to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and requested an appropriate share of the overall resources of the United Nations for the programme,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolutions 47/91 of 16 December 1992 and 48/103 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to upgrade, as a matter of urgency, the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat into a division, as recommended in and in accordance with Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991,

*Recalling further* its resolution 1993/34 of 27 July 1993, in section II of which it requested the Secretary-General to strengthen the institutional capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme to enable it to elaborate, execute and evaluate operational activities and advisory services in its area of competence at the request of Member States,

*Convinced* that the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch can only be effective if it is provided with resources commensurate with its requirements and adequate to allow it to implement its mandates and to respond in a timely and efficient manner to the increasing requests of Member States for its services,

*Deeply concerned* about the delay in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 and Council resolutions 1992/22, 1993/31 and 1993/34, with respect to the strengthening of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and the upgrading of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch into a division,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22 and 1993/31,<sup>42</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* the priority attached to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 46/152 and

47/91, and the need for the Assembly to devote to the programme an appropriate share of the existing resources of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to give effect to General Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 and to Council resolutions 1992/22 and 1993/31 by strengthening the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat, by providing it with the resources required for the full implementation of its mandates and by establishing one post at the D-2 level for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, if necessary by redeploying overall existing resources;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly keep under active review the staffing of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide adequate funds to build and maintain the institutional capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme to respond to requests from Member States for assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, if necessary through the reallocation of resources;

5. *Calls on* Member States to contribute to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund in order to enable the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to provide technical assistance at the request of Member States;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give consistent consideration to the importance of crime prevention and criminal justice activities in the context of peace-keeping operations and humanitarian assistance in armed conflicts;

7. *Calls upon* the bodies, specialized agencies and other entities of the United Nations system, including the international financial institutions, in particular the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, within the context of their mandates, to give appropriate consideration to the inclusion in their programme activities of crime prevention and criminal justice issues, including the establishment and maintenance of efficient criminal justice systems, as an essential component of all developmental efforts, and to utilize the expertise of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in the implementation of such activities;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, within existing overall resources, support and training for the enhancement of the operational capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme;

9. *Requests* the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to give favourable consideration to assisting the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in the formulation and execution of technical assistance projects in areas of mutual concern;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate action so that, as of the fourth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the functions of the Secretary of the Commission may be exercised by the substantive secretariat at Vienna;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure implementation of the present resolution in the context of his first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, if necessary and as appropriate, through the use of the contingency fund, and to report thereon to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourth session.

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<sup>42</sup> E/1994/13.