

1994/21. United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in the annex to which it is stated that the contributions of the regional institutes for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders to policy development and implementation and their resource requirements, especially those of the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, should be fully integrated into the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 48/101 of 20 December 1993, and recalling Economic Social Council resolution 1993/33 of 27 July 1993,

Noting that the Institute is playing a vital role in promoting United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice activities and in fostering regional cooperation and coordination in this field,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁵⁸ adopted by the African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held at Kampala from 14 to 18 February 1994,

⁵⁸ See A/CONF.169/RPM.2.

Aware of the financial difficulties that the Institute continues to face as a result of the fact that many States of the African region are among the least developed countries, that they continue to experience drought, famine and civil strife, and that they lack the resources necessary to support the Institute,

Taking into account the fact that many African States are engaged in democratization, strengthening the rule of law, undertaking crime prevention and criminal justice reforms, and laying the foundation for respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

1. *Commends* the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders for the activities it has undertaken, despite its difficulties in fulfilling its mandate, as reflected in the progress report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other institutes;⁵⁹

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Uganda for generously providing host facilities to the Institute and for its continuous support;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General and to all other Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have extended support to the Institute;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Institute is provided with adequate funds, within the overall appropriation of the programme budget and from extrabudgetary resources, and to submit proposals for any necessary additional funding for the Institute, in accordance with paragraph 32 of General Assembly resolution 48/228 of 23 December 1993;

5. *Encourages* Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide financial and technical support to the Institute to enable it to fulfil its objectives, particularly those concerning training, technical assistance, policy guidance, research and data collection;

6. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue providing appropriate funds for the institutional strengthening and the implementation of the programme of work of the Institute, taking into account the difficult economic and financial situation faced by many countries in the African region;

7. *Urges* the Governing Board of the Institute to fill the vacant post of Director as soon as possible;

8. *Strongly recommends* that the Statute of the Institute be revised in order to update the terms of reference of the Institute, with a view to enabling it to respond sufficiently and effectively to the needs of the African region;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure proper follow-up with all concerned the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session and to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourth session;

10. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to keep the functioning and programme of

⁵⁹ E/CN.15/1994/10 and Corr.1, paras. 71-84.

work of the Institute under active review, aiming at integrating it fully into the overall crime prevention and criminal justice programme, as called for in paragraph 35 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/152.

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