

## 1994/22. Technical cooperation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* that criminality is a major concern of all countries and that it calls for a concerted response from the international community aimed at preventing crime and improving the functioning of criminal justice and law enforcement with due respect for human rights and United Nations standards and norms,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991 on the creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme,

*Bearing in mind also* General Assembly resolution 48/103 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to provide from existing resources 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,

*Recalling* that in section VI of its resolution 1992/22 of 30 July 1992, the Council determined that the majority of programme resources should be concentrated on the provision of training, advisory services and technical cooperation in a limited number of areas of recognized need,

*Also recalling* that in section II of its resolution 1993/34 of 27 July 1993, the Council requested the Secretary-General to strengthen the institutional capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme by providing the Secretariat with adequate human and financial resources, if necessary by reallocating existing resources, as well as by means of voluntary contributions, to enable it to elaborate, execute and evaluate operational activities and advisory services at the request of Member States,

*Convinced* that appropriate crime prevention policies are essential to ensuring sustainable development, as crime also affects economic, social and environmental efforts,

*Also convinced* that developing the skills of crime prevention and criminal justice practitioners is necessary to promote the rule of law and respect for human rights,

*Conscious* of the relationship between urban and juvenile crime and more sophisticated forms of transnational crime, and the consequent need to fight simultaneously against both phenomena by, among other things, providing technical assistance to countries in need,

*Convinced* that legal reforms in developing countries and in countries in transition constitute a significant aspect of the process of nation-building in terms of strengthening the rule of law, securing judicial independence and incorporating public involvement in the legal process,

*Stressing* the fact that providing technical assistance through advisory services, training programmes and the dissemination and exchange of information is one of the most effective means of intensifying international cooperation,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation and advisory services of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, including appropriate mechanisms for the mobilization of resources;<sup>60</sup>

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to Member States contributing to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, through extrabudgetary funding, the provision of associate experts, manuals and training material, and the services of experts for training purposes and advisory missions, and requests those Member States to continue their support;

3. *Welcomes* the cooperation between the Secretariat and other United Nations entities, as well as non-governmental organizations, in the planning and implementation of training activities, also as a way of promoting United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and of increasing the impact of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, and calls for the continuation of their support;

4. *Reaffirms* the urgent need to develop and maintain the institutional capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme for the planning and implementation of operational activities, including training in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, particularly in line with the priority themes as determined by the Economic and Social Council in section VI of its resolution 1992/22, so as to meet the needs of Member States;

5. *Endorses* the declaration of support for the multilateralization of the Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, adopted by the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held at San José, from 7 to 11 March 1994;<sup>43</sup>

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to provide, within the overall appropriations of the programme budget, human and financial resources for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme in order to develop the institutional capacity of the programme, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/103 on crime prevention and criminal justice, and Council resolution 1993/34 on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152 and 47/91 and Council resolution 1992/22, concerning crime prevention and criminal justice;

7. *Welcomes with appreciation* the provision of funds from the regular budget for a second Interregional Adviser post to be assigned to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, and strongly recommends that that post be retained in the future;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide appropriate resources for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme in order to ensure adequate support for interregional advisory services;

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9. *Calls upon* those States which have benefited from interregional advisory services to ensure appropriate follow-up to the recommendations of the interregional advisers;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take action on requests from Member States, bearing in mind the recommendations of the interregional advisers, by formulating specific projects, and to seek funding from donor Governments and institutions for project execution;

11. *Calls upon* Member States to provide a basic level of extrabudgetary funds for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme by contributing to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund;

12. *Invites* Member States to contribute both financially and in kind to the cooperation projects elaborated within the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and submitted to Member States for appropriate action;

13. *Urges* Member States to make every effort to coordinate their multilateral and bilateral technical cooperation projects with the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme to ensure that all assistance provided is used in a cost-effective manner and oriented towards the overall aims of the projects;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme with adequate human and financial resources within the overall appropriations of the programme budget to support technical assistance activities in specific fields considered to be of high priority, such as control of the proceeds of crime, pursuant to Council resolution 1993/30 of 27 July 1993, urban crime prevention, pursuant to Council resolution 1993/27 of 27 July 1993, and environmental crime, pursuant to Council resolution 1993/28 of 27 July 1993;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to establish a database on technical assistance, integrating needs of Member States, particularly developing countries, as well as on existing collaborative arrangements and funding, taking into account regional concerns, and urges Member States to give full support to this endeavour by providing information, expertise and experience in the technical assistance field;

16. *Welcomes* the orientation of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders towards a practical forum for the exchange of experiences and information, particularly through the organization of six workshops that should facilitate contact between representatives of States in need of technical assistance and potential donors;

17. *Welcomes with appreciation* the contribution of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme to United Nations peace-keeping and special missions, as well as its contribution to the follow-up to those missions, particularly with respect to strengthening the rule of law and institution-building in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice;

18. *Invites* Member States to include projects in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice as part of their priority areas for development, and urges the United Nations

Development Programme and other funding agencies to provide financial support for the execution of relevant projects as a contribution to sustainable development;

19. *Affirms* the need to ensure coordination between action under the aegis of the United Nations and other action, either bilateral or multilateral, in order to guarantee the efficiency of cooperation as a whole.

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