

Resolution 4/1. Succession of States in respect of international treaties  
on combating various manifestations of crime\*

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Recalling its resolution 3/4 of 5 May 1994,

Recalling also relevant resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights in which the Commission, inter alia, encouraged successor States to confirm to appropriate depositories that they would continue to be bound by obligations under international human rights treaties,

Considering that the widest possible adherence to international treaties, in particular those on combating such serious crimes as illicit drug trafficking, the taking of hostages and hijacking, is one of the conditions for effective international cooperation in this field,

Emphasizing the special importance of the consistent and effective implementation of international instruments on combating crime,

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 will 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,

Noting the progress made in the confirmation by some successor States of their obligations under international treaties on combating crime,

1. Reiterates its call to successor States that have not yet done so to confirm to appropriate depositories that they will continue to be bound by obligations under relevant international treaties on combating various manifestations of crime, to which their predecessor States were parties;

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

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to render advisory services, upon request, with regard to the legal aspects of succeeding to or becoming party to international treaties on combating crime to successor States that are Members of the United Nations;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to include, in his report on technical cooperation to be submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fifth session, information received from Member States on the progress achieved in that area.