

1995/11. Implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 49/159 of 23 December 1994, in which the Assembly approved the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime,³⁴ adopted by the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime, held at Naples, Italy, from 21 to 23 November 1994, and urged States to implement them as a matter of urgency,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 44/71 of 8 December 1989, 45/121 and 45/123 of 14 December 1990, 47/87 of 16 December 1992 and 48/103 of 20 December 1993 and its own resolutions 1992/22 and 1992/23 of 30 July 1992, 1993/29 and 1993/30 of 27 July 1993 and 1994/12 and 1994/13 of 25 July 1994,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 46/157 of 18 December 1991, in which the Assembly approved the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, contained in the annex to that resolution,

Emphasizing the need for strengthened and improved international cooperation at all levels and for more effective technical cooperation to assist States in their fight against organized transnational crime,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on proposals related to the programmatic aspects of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime;³⁵

2. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to ensure and monitor full implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate the process of requesting the views of Governments on the opportunity and impact of international instruments such as a convention or conventions against organized transnational crime and on the issues and elements that could be covered therein, pursuant to the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, for the purpose of assisting the international community in increasing its knowledge of criminal organizations and their dynamics, to collect and analyse information on the structure and dynamics of organized transnational crime and on the responses of States to this problem, building on the experience and expertise of States and drawing on contributions from Governments, which could include teamwork by highly qualified experts, relevant organizations and individuals, taking into account work already done in this area;

5. *Decides* that an open-ended intergovernmental working group should be established, within the framework of the Commission, at its fifth session, to consider the results of the work described in paragraph 4 above, and the views of Governments requested in paragraph 3 above, and to propose further action on the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to Member States for their consideration, at the fifth session of the Commission, a proposal on the creation of a central repository for existing legislative and regulatory measures and information on organizational structures designed to combat organized transnational crime, taking into account the capabilities of the United Nations Crime and Justice Information Network and the activities of other United Nations and relevant intergovernmental bodies, with a view to making this information available to requesting Member States;

7. *Urges* Member States, entities of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to assist the Secretary-General in implementing the request contained in paragraph 6 above, also by providing relevant information and legislative and regulatory texts;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as necessary, to submit concrete proposals to the Commission for approval, with a view to developing practical models and guidelines for substantive and procedural legislation, building on the experience and expertise of States and drawing on contributions from relevant organizations, in order to assist, in particular, developing countries and countries in transition, upon request, in reviewing and evaluating their legislation and in planning and undertaking reforms, taking into account existing practices and cultural, legal and social traditions;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide advisory services and technical assistance to requesting Member States in needs assessment, capacity-building and training, as well as in the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to seek cooperation and to join in efforts with other international, global and regional organizations and mechanisms that have played an active role in combating money-laundering so as to reinforce common regulatory and enforcement strategies in that area and to assist States, upon request, in assessing their needs in treaty development and the development of criminal justice infrastructure and human resources and to provide technical assistance and as necessary to compile, drawing upon the expertise of Member States, and of other relevant organizations, appropriate manuals, taking into account differences in legal systems, using the expertise and cooperation of all the institutes and other relevant entities of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, including the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to avail himself of the assistance of experts with extensive experience in the field of prevention and control of organized crime indicated by Member States, who might be called upon in connection with technical cooperation activities;

12. *Welcomes with appreciation* the preliminary report of the international task force on the study of the feasibility of establishing an international training centre for law enforcement and criminal justice personnel,³⁶ and encourages the Government of Italy and the Governments of the other States members of the task force to continue and finalize its work, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime,³⁷ with a view to informing the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the implementation of the present resolution, including proposals for further action aimed at the full implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan.

*49th plenary meeting
24 July 1995*