

**1995/15. Technical cooperation and interregional advisory services in crime prevention and criminal justice**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1994/22 of 25 July 1994, on technical cooperation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice,

Recalling also its resolution 1994/16 of 25 July 1994, in which it requested 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 of Member States for assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, if necessary through the reallocation of resources,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 49/158 of 23 December 1994, on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity,

Convinced that establishing the rule of law and maintaining efficient criminal justice systems is one of the essential elements of developmental efforts, and recognizing the direct relevance of crime prevention and criminal justice to sustained development, stability, security and improved quality of life,

Underlining the fact that one of the most effective ways to meet the needs of States in this area is through operational activities, such as advisory services, training programmes and the dissemination and exchange of information,

Recognizing the need, in making specific proposals on the resolutions of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders related to technical cooperation and advisory services, to take into account the capacity of the Programme and its future role in providing services in that field,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the technical cooperation and advisory services of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme;<sup>40</sup>

2. Welcomes the call of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders for intensified efforts to strengthen the rule of law by means of international cooperation and practical technical assistance;<sup>24</sup>

3. Reaffirms the high priority attached to technical cooperation and advisory services as a means for the Programme to respond to the needs of the international community in the face of both national and transnational criminality and to assist Member States in achieving the goals of preventing crime within and among States and improving the response to crime, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, on the creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, and in line with the recommendations of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

4. Stresses the importance of continuing to improve the operational activities of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly in developing countries and countries in transition, so as to meet the needs of Member States, at their request, for support in crime prevention and criminal justice, by undertaking advisory services and training programmes and by carrying out field studies and action-oriented research at the regional, subregional, national and local levels, also drawing upon extrabudgetary contributions;

5. Expresses its appreciation to Member States and other entities supporting the Programme, through contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund or by other means, and invites them to continue their support;

6. Invites Member States to contribute to the activities of the Programme by other means, for example by providing the services of associate experts, by providing the services of consultants and experts for training purposes and advisory missions, by developing training manuals and other material, by offering fellowship opportunities and by hosting problem-oriented workshops and expert group meetings;

7. Calls upon the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and other international, regional and national funding agencies to support technical cooperation activities devoted to crime prevention and criminal justice and, in pursuance of their mandates, to include such activities in their programmes, utilizing the expertise of the Programme in such activities and cooperating closely on relevant technical assistance projects and advisory missions;

8. Calls upon all relevant international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue cooperating with the Programme in support of its operational and technical activities;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to facilitate, as appropriate, joint initiatives and the joint formulation and implementation of technical assistance projects, involving interested donor countries, funding agencies and other relevant entities, and to organize meetings of interested donor and recipient countries;

10. Notes 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, *inter alia*, through advisory services, and encourages the Secretary-General, as a way of strengthening the rule of law, to recommend the inclusion of the re-establishment and reform of criminal justice systems in peace-keeping operations;

11. Notes the work of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme in collecting and disseminating data and other information on technical cooperation projects, and requests the Secretary-General further to strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat to establish and develop relevant databases, by cooperating in this endeavour with the United Nations Development Programme and the network of institutes cooperating with the Programme;

12. Reiterates its appreciation for the provision of the services of two interregional advisers for crime prevention and criminal justice and strongly recommends to the Secretary-General that those posts should be retained and that the interregional advisory services of the Programme should be further strengthened to support technical assistance activities, including short-term advisory services, needs assessment, feasibility studies, field projects, training and fellowships;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, within the regular budget, appropriate resources for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme to provide better planning support and backstopping for the interregional advisory services, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/158 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1994/16 and 1994/22.