

*Resolution 5/3. Strategic management by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme**

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Mindful of the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, annexed to General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22 of 30 July 1992,

Reaffirming its resolutions 1/1 and 4/3,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on strategic management of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme;⁵⁴

2. *Notes* the reaffirmation of the fundamental role of the medium-term plan and the regular budget of the United Nations as the framework for exercising the functions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice related to the strategic management of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme;

3. *Takes note* of the draft medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001;

4. *Recognizes* the importance of the contribution that its bureau can make in advancing the work of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly by strengthening its strategic management, both during its sessions and in the inter-sessional periods;

5. *Requests* Member States to submit to the bureau the draft proposals, together with the information required in accordance with Commission resolution 4/3, annex, one month prior to the commencement of the session of the Commission;

6. *Requests* the bureau to submit a report on its inter-sessional work, wherein it should present its views on whether the procedural requirements for the submission of draft proposals have been met by those who make such proposals;

7. *Stresses* the importance for effective strategic management of the strict adherence to the six weeks' rule on documentation and urges Member States, as well as the Secretary-General, to cooperate fully in its implementation;

8. *Recommends* that the regional groups should, whenever possible, strive for continuity in the composition of its bureau, in particular by electing at least one of the retiring officers of the previous bureau of each session to serve in the next bureau;

9. *Decides* that its bureau should endeavour to hold inter-sessional meetings with the bureau of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in order to improve coordination of work of the two commissions;

10. *Also decides* to exercise more vigorously its mandated functions of resource mobilization and, for this purpose, to establish an informal consultative group, which will be composed of the bureau of each session and those Member States that in the preceding biennium already contributed to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund or in other concrete ways to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and which will report annually on activities undertaken and results achieved;

11. *Further decides* to curtail and streamline its reporting requirements by normally not requesting more than one report per item of its agenda and one report per priority theme and by considering certain topics on a biennial basis;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate concrete proposals for the measurement of the impact of the activities of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and to report thereon to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its sixth session;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate concrete proposals on maximizing the existing resource potential of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and to report thereon to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its sixth session.