

1996/28. Follow-up action on firearms regulation for the purpose of crime prevention and public safety

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolution 9 of 7 May 1995 of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁴⁶

Recalling also its resolution 1995/27 of 24 July 1995,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 50/145 of 21 December 1995,

Mindful of the need for effective implementation of those resolutions,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to regulate firearms,⁸⁹

1. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Secretary-General in undertaking the study on regulating firearms in response to its resolution 1995/27, section IV. A, drawing upon the work of an advisory group;

2. *Endorses* the questionnaire and guidelines⁹⁰ for the preparation of the survey and country reports on firearms regulation issues presented by the Secretary-General;

3. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to collect information and consult with Member States on the implementation of national measures to regulate firearms in accordance with its resolution 1995/27, section IV, paragraph 10;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to collect information and consult with Member States, as appropriate, on the basis of the above-mentioned questionnaire and guidelines, and to analyse the information obtained in order to contribute to the preparation of additional survey and country reports as requested in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Approves* the work plan established on the basis of the proposals presented by the representative of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fifth session, and requests the Secretary-General to pursue his study in accordance with the work plan;⁹¹

6. *Again invites* all United Nations organs, bodies and specialized agencies and intergovernmental and other organizations active in the field of regulating firearms to provide the Secretary-General with views and proposals on their possible contributions towards the full implementation of Ninth Congress resolution 9;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report and the recommendations requested in its resolution 1995/27, section IV, paragraph 12, to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its sixth session;

8. *Decides* that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should include in its agenda for its sixth session the item entitled "Measures to regulate firearms".

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