

*Resolution 6/1. 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 of 30 April 1992, 4/3 of 9 June 1995 and 5/3 of 31 May 1996,

Welcoming the priority status accorded to the Programme in the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001,

I

PROGRAMME AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS

1. *Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on strategic management by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme;*¹²⁴

2. *Also takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work in crime prevention and criminal justice for the biennium 1998-1999,*¹²⁵ *decides to submit the comments reflected in the report on its sixth session*¹²⁶ *to the appropriate bodies and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of sufficient resources from within the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources for the implementation of the programme activities;*

3. *Calls upon the Secretary-General, in accordance with his announcement of 17 March 1997, to redeploy savings in administration and conference services to the highest priority programmes, especially the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, for support to operational activities;*

4. *Takes note of the report of the bureau of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its inter-sessional work and endorses the recommendations of the bureau with respect to the streamlining of the substantive agenda of the Commission and its organization of work,*¹²⁷ *in particular by:*

(a) Reducing the number of resolutions by:

(i) exercising restraint on repetitive pronouncements of principles or arguments so that the focus is more on effective action required in accordance with the strategic management established under Commission resolution 4/3; and

(ii) limiting the number of requests for further reports and information from Member States, as well as from the Secretariat;

(b) Referring to the bureau draft resolutions containing requests for such reports and information, so that it can express its view on the need for such reports and information, taking into account the views submitted by the Secretariat on the availability of relevant data and other information within the United Nations system;

(c) Establishing a multi-year work plan, each year being devoted to a specific theme, in an effort to simplify the agenda of the Commission and to plan substantive discussions in advance;

(d) Scheduling the discussion of the agenda items of the Commission in accordance with the following criteria:

- (i) reports on the use and application of standards and norms, which require the provision of information by Governments, should be submitted every two or three years, to permit input from as many Member States as possible;
- (ii) reports on surveys and crime statistics, as well as reports based on continued collection of data and other information, should be submitted not more frequently than every two years;
- (iii) reports on coordination with other entities should be submitted every two years, preferably at the end of every programme budget biennium;
- (iv) full reports and studies requiring a large volume of work in terms of research, or because of the complexity of the subject-matter, should not be submitted to the session immediately following the one in which the mandate was given;
- (v) consideration of, or reporting on, a substantive issue should be based on whether the issue has been significantly advanced in a given year through specific activities and developments;

5. *Requests* the bureau of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to develop recommendations, for the consideration of the Commission at its seventh session, concerning the criteria that could be used by the Commission as a guide to determine which types of agenda items should be submitted to the session that immediately follows;

6. *Reiterates* its request to Member States to submit to the bureau of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice their draft proposals, together with the information required in accordance with Commission resolution 4/3, annex, one month prior to the commencement of the relevant session of the Commission;

7. *Reaffirms* that, in implementing its resolution 1/1, the type of information set out in its resolution 4/3, annex, is useful in its consideration of draft resolutions;

8. *Requests* the bureau of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to report on its inter-sessional work annually, including its experience with regard to the adherence of Member States to the procedural requirements for the submission of draft proposals;

9. *Expresses its appreciation* for the informal meetings of the bureau of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice with the bureau of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and encourages the former to continue its efforts to improve the coordination of work of the two commissions, taking into account particularly the preparatory work for the special session of the General Assembly to consider the fight against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities;

10. *Reiterates* its decision to curtail and streamline its reporting requirements, and decides to do so on the basis of the proposals contained in the reports of the Secretary-General and of the bureau on its inter-sessional work, and in that regard, urges the Secretary-General to use his discretion in determining the necessity, form and length of such reporting, particularly in cases where reporting would be based on information provided by only a few Member States;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to measure the impact of programme activities on the basis of the proposals contained in his report and to report thereon to it on a biennial basis, starting with its eighth session;

12. *Requests* the Chairman of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to convene an informal working group of its members in consultation with its bureau to undertake a review of the programme mandates and resources with a view to establishing a more realistic relationship between them, focusing on the expectations of Member States for the implementation of existing mandates, the requirements for meeting those expectations and the extent to which regular budget resources are to be used to support operational activities;

13. *Decides* that the working group should present a report on its findings for consideration by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its seventh session;

14. *Also decides* that, in the context of the review, the question of maximizing the existing resource potential of the Programme and of streamlining the agenda of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should be addressed;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in addition to forwarding all communications to permanent missions, to send copies of such communications also to the national focal points designated by Member States;

II

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Chairman of the informal consultative group on resource mobilization;¹²⁸

2. *Calls upon* Member States to review the projects contained in the compendium* submitted by the informal consultative group with a view to providing for their funding;

3. *Calls upon* Member States where possible to contribute a total of approximately 500,000 United States dollars on an annual basis to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund to cover the cost of two professional staff members, consultants and other support required for developing and administering the technical cooperation component of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and to develop essential training tools;

4. *Requests* its Chairman and the Chairman of the informal consultative group to be available to support the resource mobilization activities of the Secretariat as appropriate;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to issue a consolidated appeal on crime prevention and criminal justice requirements to Governments at the appropriate level;

6. *Requests* the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna to assume a strong role in the resource mobilization activities of the Programme, particularly in consultations at the highest political levels;

7. *Requests* the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division of the Secretariat to continue its resource mobilization efforts, taking into account the recommendations and requests contained in the report of the Chairman of the informal consultative group;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the informal consultative group and requests them to continue their work and to report thereon to it at its seventh session;

9. *Decides* that the informal consultative group should also serve as the mechanism envisaged in its resolution 5/2, paragraph 15.