

**1997/34. Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on Crime and Public Security**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 51/60 of 12 December 1996, by which the Assembly, convinced that the adoption of a declaration on crime and public security would contribute to the enhancement of the struggle against serious transnational crime, approved the United Nations Declaration on Crime and Public Security,

*Noting* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 51/60, urged Member States to make every effort to ensure that the Declaration became generally known and was observed and implemented in full in accordance with their respective national legislation,

*Noting also* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 51/60, invited the Secretary-General to inform all States and the relevant specialized agencies and organizations of the adoption of the Declaration,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation and coordination of activities<sup>187</sup> setting forth the information provided to date by Member States on their efforts to observe and implement in full General Assembly resolution 51/60 and the United Nations Declaration on Crime and Public Security in accordance with their national legislation;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, utilizing a questionnaire or other means to ensure standardized responses, to seek from Member States, as well as from any interested intergovernmental organizations or United Nations institutes, information related to the implementation of the Declaration, including in particular, in the case of Member States, the following:

(a) A summary of existing legislation and pending legislative proposals to combat serious transnational crime, including organized crime, illicit drug and arms trafficking, smuggling of other illicit articles, organized trafficking in persons, terrorist crimes and the laundering of proceeds from serious crimes;

(b) A summary of bilateral, regional, multilateral and global extradition, mutual legal assistance and other types of law enforcement cooperation arrangements;

(c) A summary of involvement or participation in law enforcement training and education activities at the international level;

(d) A status report on adherence to the principal existing international treaties relating to various aspects of the problem of international terrorism and to the international drug control conventions;

(e) A summary of existing or proposed victim assistance programmes or systems;

(f) A summary of existing or proposed legislation to combat the transnational flow of the proceeds of serious

transnational crime, including measures to require adequate record-keeping and reporting of suspicious transactions by financial and related institutions, to permit the seizure and forfeiture of the proceeds of crime, to limit the application of any bank secrecy laws with respect to criminal operations and to obtain the cooperation of financial institutions in detecting any operations that may be used for money laundering;

(g) A summary of measures undertaken to combat and prohibit corruption and bribery;

3. *Urges* all Member States to respond fully to the request by the Secretary-General for information on their efforts to implement the Declaration, either in their initial responses if they have not yet responded or, if necessary, in an amended version of any previous response;

4. *Recognizes* that the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division of the Secretariat should continue to provide technical assistance to Member States in their efforts to implement the Declaration, drawing on extrabudgetary resources;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to compile the responses received for submission as a report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its eighth session, if possible within existing resources;

6. *Decides* that the Declaration should be included in the *Compendium of United Nations Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice*<sup>179</sup> when the *Compendium* is next published in any of the official languages of the United Nations;

7. *Invites* Member States to give serious consideration, in their efforts to implement the Declaration, to the means and methods for combating organized transnational crime set forth in the forty recommendations endorsed by the Senior Experts Group on Transnational Organized Crime of the Political Group of Eight at Lyon, France, in June 1996;<sup>188</sup>

8. *Decides* that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its eighth session, should review the report of the Secretary-General and should continue to consider the implementation of the Declaration.

*36th plenary meeting  
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