

Resolution 7/1. 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,

Recalling agreed conclusion 1997/2, on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system, adopted by the Economic and Social Council in the coordination segment of its substantive session in 1997,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 52/12 of 22 December 1997,

Reaffirming its resolutions 1/1 of 30 April 1992, 4/3 of 9 June 1995, 5/3 of 31 May 1996 and 6/1 of 9 May 1997,

I

PROGRAMME AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS

1. *Welcomes* the reorganization of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division of the Secretariat as the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat;

2. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention as the focal point for the integrated efforts of the United Nations in drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism;

3. *Welcomes* the setting up of the Strategy Committee on Drug Control and Crime Prevention in order to facilitate synergies, coordination and information flow on all interlinked undertakings of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention;

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on strategic management and programme questions;⁴⁹

5. *Also takes note* of the report of the bureau of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its sixth session on its inter-sessional work and the recommendations contained therein;

6. *Welcomes* the report of the informal working group that undertook a review of the programme mandates and resources with a view to establishing a more realistic relationship between them, takes note of the recommendations contained in the report and requests the working group to continue its work and to report thereon to the Commission at its eighth session;

⁴⁹E/CN.15/1998/10.

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of programme management in the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division and the recommendations contained therein,⁵⁰

8. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts of the Secretariat to give effect to the reform measures of the Secretary-General and looks forward to further progressive streamlining and operationalizing of the work programme of the Centre for International Crime Prevention during the biennium 1998-1999 and in the context of the next programme budget, taking into account its previous recommendations on streamlining its agenda and reporting requirements, as well as the recommendations of the informal working group referred to in paragraph 6 above and the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services referred to in paragraph 7 above;

9. *Reaffirms* the need to maintain a balance between the current main priority issue of combating transnational organized crime and the other priority issues of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme;

10. *Requests* the Centre for International Crime Prevention to strengthen, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, its oversight function with regard to the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network in order to ensure better coordination and efficiency of the activities in the field of technical cooperation;

11. *Decides* that it will mainstream a gender perspective into all its activities and requests the Secretariat to integrate a gender perspective into all activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention;

12. *Invites* Member States to review global crime trends and address the need to provide global policy guidance for the Centre for International Crime Prevention, while strengthening the coordination of development assistance, with a view to ensuring effective and efficient implementation of technical cooperation projects;

13. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, in line with the priorities of the United Nations as set out in the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, to further strengthen the resources of the Centre for International Crime Prevention in order to achieve a better balance between its far-reaching mandates and its resources;

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

15. *Further calls upon* the Secretary-General to ensure closer and more effective collaboration between the Centre for International Crime Prevention and other relevant programmes and entities, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources;

16. *Emphasizes* that all activities envisaged in the resolutions adopted by it must be implemented either within the approved budgetary appropriations of sections 14 and 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 or, if this is not possible, through extrabudgetary funds, including voluntary contributions.

⁵⁰A/52/777, annex.

II

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

1. *Takes note* of the report on the activities undertaken and the results achieved by the informal consultative group on resource mobilization;
2. *Urges* Member States to review funding policies for development assistance, so as to include crime prevention and criminal justice in such assistance;
3. *Calls upon* Member States to review the list of projects submitted by the informal consultative group with a view to funding those whose substance coincides with their national development priorities;
4. *Also calls upon* Member States to contribute on an annual basis, if possible, to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund in order to cover the cost of improving the infrastructure of the Centre for International Crime Prevention and its capacity to develop and administer the technical cooperation component of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and to develop essential training tools;
5. *Further calls upon* Member States to discuss with the Centre for International Crime Prevention funding modalities and options for technical cooperation for crime prevention and criminal justice;
6. *Encourages* Member States to provide the Centre for International Crime Prevention with information regarding the achievements of technical cooperation projects executed by the Centre, highlighting the importance of such projects, in order to attract more attention to and enhance interest in them;
7. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the informal consultative group and requests them to continue their work and to report thereon to the Commission at its eighth session.