

Resolution 19/2

Strengthening the collection, analysis and reporting of comparable crime-related data

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Aware that the availability of internationally comparable information on crime is very limited,

Recognizing the need for accurate information about global crime trends and patterns, including specific crime issues, and the need to improve the quality, scope and completeness of crime-related data,

Recalling the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,¹⁰⁶ one of the objectives of which is to enhance knowledge of thematic and cross-sectoral trends for effective policy formulation, operational response and impact assessment in drugs and crime,

Bearing in mind the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World,¹⁰⁷ in which Member States invited the Commission to strengthen the analytical capacity of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 64/179 of 18 December 2009, in which the Assembly requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within its existing mandate, to strengthen the collection, analysis and dissemination of information to enhance knowledge on crime trends and support Member States in designing appropriate responses in specific areas of crime, in particular in their transnational dimension, taking into account the need to make the best possible use of existing resources,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/25 of 30 July 2009 on improving the collection, reporting and analysis of data to enhance knowledge on trends in specific areas of crime, in which the Council requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to establish an intergovernmental working group of experts to prepare recommendations on the improvement of tools for the collection of relevant crime data, and requested the Secretary-General, in coordination with the Statistical Commission, to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the implementation of the resolution,

1. *Takes note* of the recommendations made at the expert group meeting held in Buenos Aires from 8 to 10 February 2010,¹⁰⁸ which are intended to assist the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in improving the collection, analysis and reporting of crime data;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in consultation with Member States and in cooperation with the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to strengthen the

¹⁰⁶ Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/12, annex.

¹⁰⁷ A/CONF.213/18, chap. I, resolution 1.

¹⁰⁸ E/CN.15/2010/14.

collection, analysis and reporting of accurate, reliable and comparable data on world crime trends and patterns, as well as to conduct studies on priority issues identified by Member States within the mandate of the Office;

3. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue developing a simple and efficient reporting system that will encourage Member States to report, in a coordinated, timely and integrated way, data related to their efforts, achievements and challenges in the area of crime prevention, as well as provide information relating to the nature, extent and evolution of their national crime situations;

4. *Further requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue providing technical assistance, upon request, to Member States in order to enhance their capacity to collect, analyse and report crime-related data;

5. *Invites* Member States to strengthen their efforts to review and improve data-collection tools in order to enhance knowledge on world crime trends and patterns;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its twentieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.