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PREVENTION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Joint draft resolution submitted by the delegations  
of Belgium, Denmark, France, the Holy See,  
Netherlands and Switzerland

The First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the  
Treatment of Offenders,

Having discussed the problem of the prevention of juvenile delinquency,

1. Thanks the Economic and Social Council for placing the fight against juvenile delinquency on its programme, thus bringing its authority and documentary resources to bear on this important contemporary problem;
2. Expresses the hope that the United Nations will continue its efforts in this field;
3. Recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 415 (V), the Secretary-General of the United Nations should inform the Social Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the following suggestions with a view to their being included in the social defence work programme;
  - (a) that a study be made of the factors which give rise to juvenile delinquency and of the methods used to prevent it, for the purpose of determining the practical value of these methods, both direct and indirect;

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- (b) that the help of the non-governmental organizations with special knowledge in this field, and if necessary of an ad hoc committee of experts, be sought in this connexion;
- (c) that the Regional Consultative Groups and the seminars continue to devote attention to the various aspects of juvenile delinquency; and
- (d) that, when organizing the next congresses, conferences or seminars, the United Nations should select clearly defined topics where a thorough study can be made and the experience acquired in the various countries usefully compared.

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