



Plenary Meeting

FIRST UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME
AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

PROGRAMME OF STUDIES IN THE FIELD
OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Joint draft resolution submitted by the Delegations of
Argentina, Australia, Chile, Ecuador, India, Israel,
Pakistan, Philippines, Syria, the United States of
America and Venezuela

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,
Recommends, in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 415 (V) of the
General Assembly, that the Secretary-General of the United Nations communicate to
the Social Commission the following programme for inclusion in the Social
Commission's programme of work in the field of Social Defence:

- (a) A study of the methods used for the prevention of juvenile delinquency. In this study, particular attention should be paid to (i) the possibility of organizing a social and health care or guidance system co-operating closely with the diagnostic services and (ii) assistance to parents, particularly in the task of guidance;
- (b) As a second stage of the above-mentioned study, an assessment should be made of the practical value of certain direct and indirect measures for the prevention of juvenile delinquency. This task might be undertaken by means of a small number of

projects carried out in various regions, both developed and under-developed, with the assistance of governments and organizations which are prepared to collaborate; and,

- (c) An evaluative study on the methods and techniques used by special police services dealing with juveniles. Certain countries have already introduced such services, but the results deserve careful study before positive conclusions can be drawn from them.

Expresses the hope that the United Nations Regional Consultative Groups and Seminars on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders will continue to study juvenile delinquency.

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