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

(This is the second information note on the Congress.)

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I. BACKGROUND

By resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, the General Assembly of the United Nations provided for the convening every five years of an International Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. The First Congress was held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in 1955; the Second Congress, with the Government of the United Kingdom acting as host, at Church House and Carlton House, London, in 1960; and the Third Congress, with the Government of Sweden acting as host, at Folkets Hus, Stockholm, in 1965.

II. DATE AND PLACE

The Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders will be held at International Conference Hall, Kyoto, Japan, from 17-26 August 1970. The Government of Japan will act as host.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Under established practice, the Congress will group three categories of participants, namely:

(1) Members officially appointed by their Governments, who are experts in the field of social defence or are directly concerned with policies and programmes affecting the prevention and control of crime and delinquency (e.g., social

planners; educational, social welfare, youth development and employment experts and policy makers) and who have a special knowledge of and experience in the topics on the agenda;

(2) Representatives of the specialized agencies of the United Nations, of intergovernmental organizations and of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council interested in or concerned with social defence matters;

(3) Individual participants having a direct interest in the field of social defence (such as members of the teaching staffs of universities, of criminological or social research institutes and of national non-governmental organizations concerned with social defence matters; staff of correctional establishments and institutions for juvenile delinquents; members of courts and Bar Associations; social workers; youth workers, education specialists, police officials).

The United Nations will not bear any expenses of participants.

#### IV. PROGRAMME

In the organization of the Congress, the Secretariat has been guided by the recommendations and advice of the Advisory Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders at its meetings since 1965. The Programme will be centred around the over-all theme of crime and development. The Agenda items as finalized in the light of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee in its third session and of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Experts on Social Defence Policies in Relation to Development Planning, both of which met in June 1969, are as follows:

- (1) Social defence policies and national development planning;
- (2) Participation of the public in the prevention and control of crime and delinquency;
- (3) The Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners in the light of recent developments in the correctional field;
- (4) Organization of research for policy development in social defence.

It will be noted that item (1) amalgamates the two tentative subjects mentioned in the first Information Circular (A/CONF.43/INF.1)

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Item (4) has been added in order to give scope for discussions of research in connexion with policy development.

The programme of the Congress will also include visits to institutions, film shows and an exhibition; post-Congress tours and a visit to the 1970 World Exposition at Osaka are also being planned.

The official languages of the Congress will be English, French, Spanish and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation from and into these languages will be provided at all section and plenary meetings.

#### V. DOCUMENTATION

The United Nations Secretariat will prepare a working paper on each of the substantive items on the agenda of the Congress. These documents will set the stage for the discussions by giving the elements of the problem, indicating the preoccupation of developed and developing countries and defining the major issues involved. The specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may also prepare, on the invitation of the Secretariat, background documentation on specific questions pertaining to the subject matters under consideration.

The documentation will be mailed to participants at least six weeks in advance and there will be no distribution of documents during the Congress.

#### VI. REGISTRATION

Persons qualified under section III (1), (2) and (3) of this note may apply for registration forms to:

Executive Secretary of the Congress  
c/o Section of Social Defence  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y. 10017  
USA

However, persons falling under section III (1) and (2) need not apply individually until such time as they have been included in the official list of representatives sent by their Governments or organizations to the United Nations. Thereafter they will be supplied with registration forms to complete.

There is a likelihood that the conference facilities and hotel accommodation available at Kyoto may make it necessary to limit attendance at the Congress to

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some 1,200 persons. This capacity exceeds that which was actually required for the 1965 Congress but the Secretariat anticipates an increase in the number of applications for participation at Kyoto and there may need to be, at a later date, some restriction of numbers. For this reason, early submission of registration forms by individual participants is advisable, in any case they should be returned not later than ~~31 March~~<sup>10 July</sup> 1970.

It would also be helpful for the Executive Secretary to have notice as soon as possible of the number of official representatives of each Government or organization plans to send to the Congress. The names of representatives may, of course, be submitted at a later date.

Upon receipt of a completed registration form, the Secretariat will signify official recognition of the applicant's status as a participant by returning to him a registration slip bearing a registration reference number. For administrative purposes, this number should be quoted in all subsequent correspondence.

There will be no registration fee.

#### VII. TRAVEL AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Inquiries concerning travel and hotel accommodation and requests for reservation should be directed to the following agency in Japan:

Japan Travel Bureau  
1-1 Marunouchi  
Chiyoda-Ku  
TOKYO  
Japan

It must be noted that no reservation of hotel accommodation will be made by the Japan Travel Bureau unless the participant makes such request to the Bureau indicating his own reference number, as mentioned in section VI.

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