

ECOSOC resolution 2013/39 of 25 July 2013

International cooperation in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of economic fraud and identity-related crime

The Economic and Social Council,

Concerned about the emerging problem of large-scale transnational economic fraud and identity-related crime and increases in the volume, rate of transnational occurrence and range of offences of this nature,

Concerned also about the serious threats posed by economic fraud and identity-related crime and by other illicit activities that those forms of crime support,

Concerned further about the exploitation of new information, communication and commercial technologies by perpetrators of economic fraud and identity-related crime and about the threats that such exploitation poses to commerce and to those technologies and their users,

Convinced of the need to develop comprehensive, multifaceted and coherent strategies and measures, including both reactive and preventive measures, to counter such forms of crime,

Convinced also of the importance of partnerships and synergies between Member States, the private sector and civil society, in particular in developing their respective strategies and measures in addressing the problem of economic fraud and identity-related crime,

Recalling the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World,¹ in which serious concerns were expressed about the challenge posed by economic fraud and identity-related crime and their links to other criminal and, in some cases, terrorist activities, and in which Member States were invited to take appropriate legal measures to prevent, prosecute and punish economic fraud and identity-related crime and to continue to support the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in that area and were encouraged to enhance international cooperation in that area, including through the exchange of relevant information and best practices, as well as through technical and legal assistance,

Acknowledging the efforts of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to facilitate the work of the core group of experts on identity-related crime as a platform to bring together on a regular basis representatives from Governments, private sector entities, international and regional organizations and

¹ General Assembly resolution 65/230, annex.

academia to pool experience, develop strategies, facilitate further research and agree on practical action against identity-related crime,

Noting the work of the core group of experts on identity-related crime at its five meetings held in Vienna from 2007 to 2010 and the outcomes of this work, such as the *Handbook on Identity-related Crime*, which included a practical guide to international cooperation to combat identity-related crime, as well as studies on legal and criminalization approaches, victim protection and partnerships between the public sector and the private sector,

Recalling its resolutions 2004/26 of 21 July 2004, 2007/20 of 26 July 2007, 2009/22 of 30 July 2009 and 2011/35 of 28 July 2011,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the sixth meeting of the core group of experts on identity-related crime;²

2. *Also takes note* of the outline for model legislation on identity-related crime, as well as the checklist of strategic elements in developing national strategies for the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of identity-related crime, both of which are contained as appendices in the above-mentioned report;

3. *Further takes note* of the document on the development of a framework containing the basic components of a national strategy on the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of identity-related crime, as well as the document on successful cases of public-private partnerships to address identity-related crime;

4. *Notes* the activities of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group to conduct a comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime as established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/230, in those areas connected to identity-related crime;

5. *Encourages* Member States to consider adoption and implementation of national strategies on the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of identity-related crime, including the use of public-private partnerships to address identity-related crime;

6. *Invites* Member States to provide information to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on national efforts, if any, to develop strategies for the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of identity-related crime;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue its efforts, in consultation with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, to promote mutual understanding and the exchange of views and expertise between various stakeholders, in particular between public and

² E/CN.15/2013/25, annex.

private sector entities, on issues pertaining to identity-related crime through the future work of the core group of experts on identity-related crime, including draft model legislation on identity-related crime;

8. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to cooperate with other international and intergovernmental organizations and academic institutions active in this field by enabling their participation and active involvement in the future work of the core group of experts on identity-related crime;

9. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for these purposes, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twenty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.