

1993/31. Strengthening of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to give a high level of priority to the activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 47/91 of 16 December 1992,

Recalling its resolution 1992/22 of 30 July 1992, in section YI of which it accorded high priority to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and requested an appropriate share of the overall resources of the United Nations for the programme,

Convinced that the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat can only be effective if it is provided with resources that are commensurate with its requirements and that allow it to implement its mandates and

to respond in a timely and efficient manner to the increasing requests of Member States for its services,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General²² on the progress made in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22,

Deeply concerned about the delay in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152 and 47/91 and Council resolution 1992/22, with respect to strengthening, as resources permit, the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and upgrading the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch into a division,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and the crucial role it has to play in promoting international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice, in responding to the needs of the international community in the face of both national and transnational criminality, and in enabling Member States to achieve the goals of preventing crime within and among States and of improving the response to crime;

2. *Reaffirms also* the importance of the role of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as the principal policy-making body for the activities of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice;

3. *Reaffirms further its* decision, contained in its resolution 1992/22, section VI, to accord high priority to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/152, and to request an appropriate share of the overall resources of the United Nations for the programme;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to give effect to General Assembly resolutions 46/152 and 47/91 and to Council resolution 1992/22 by strengthening the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, by providing it with the resources required for the full implementation of its mandates and by upgrading it into a division, headed by a Director, if necessary by re-allocating existing resources;

5. *Takes note* of the proposed programme of work in crime prevention and criminal justice for the biennium 1994-1995,²³ submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its second session, and requests the Secretary-General to reflect it, as modified in accordance with decisions of the Commission, in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

6. *Invites* the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the General Assembly to ensure proper follow-up to the proposals of the Secretary-General, pursuant to the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, on progress made in the implementation of Council resolution 1992/22 and the present resolution.