1998/14. Transnational organized crime

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

“The General Assembly,

“Recalling its resolutions 49/159 of 23 December 1994 and 52/85 of 12 December 1997,


“Convinced of the importance of continuous action by Member States aimed at the full implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, adopted by the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime, held at Naples, Italy, from 21 to 23 November 1994,

“Convinced also of the need to proceed expeditiously with the elaboration of a convention against transnational organized crime,

“Mindful of the fact that, pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232 of 21 July 1997, the theme for the seventh session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was ‘Organized transnational crime’,

“I. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime: question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime, and other possible international instruments;

“2. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Poland for acting as host to the meeting of the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental group of experts, established pursuant to resolution 52/85, on the elaboration of a preliminary draft of a possible comprehensive international convention against organized transnational crime, held at Warsaw from 2 to 6 February 1998;

“3. Welcomes with appreciation the report of the meeting of the intergovernmental group of experts;

“4. Urges Member States to continue to make every possible effort to implement fully the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan by taking the most appropriate legislative, regulatory and administrative measures, including those aimed at prevention;

“5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his work on the development and maintenance of the central repository established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/27 of 24 July 1996;

“6. Urges Member States to respond promptly to the requests of the Secretary-General for data, and other information and material, including legislation and pertinent regulatory texts, by submitting such information and material in accordance with the methodological points and categorization of data set forth in annex II to Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/22 of 21 July 1997, in order to facilitate the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat;

“7. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his work on the elaboration of training manuals for law enforcement and judicial personnel on action against transnational organized crime;

51 E/CN.15/1996/2/Add.1, annex.
52 E/CN.15/1998/6/Add.1, sect. I.
54 A/49/748, annex, chap. I, sect. A.
56 E/CN.15/1998/5.
6. 

requests the Secretary-General to
intensify his efforts to identify and allocate, within the
overall budget of the United Nations, adequate resources
for strengthening the capacity of the Centre for
International Crime Prevention in order to assist Member
States in the full implementation of the Naples Political
Declaration and Global Action Plan;

9. Further requests the Secretary-General to
continue to provide Member States with technical
cooperation, advisory services and other forms of
assistance upon request in the field of crime prevention
and criminal justice, including in the area of prevention
and control of transnational organized crime;

10. Decides to establish an open-ended
intergovernmental ad hoc committee for the purpose of
elaborating a comprehensive international convention
against transnational organized crime and of discussing
the elaboration, as appropriate, of international
instruments addressing trafficking in women and
children, combating the illicit manufacturing of and
trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and
ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of
migrants, including by sea;

11. Welcomes with appreciation the offer of the
Government of Argentina to host an informal preparatory
meeting of the intergovernmental ad hoc committee at
Buenos Aires from 31 August to 4 September 1998, so as
to ensure the continuation without interruption of work
on the elaboration of the convention;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to convene a
meeting of the intergovernmental ad hoc committee at
Vienna from 18 to 25 January 1999 and to consider the
possibility of convening a second meeting before the
eight session of the Commission on Crime Prevention
and Criminal Justice, if this proves necessary to advance
the process;

13. Decides to accept the recommendation of the
Commission to elect Luigi Lauriola (Italy) as the
Chairman of the intergovernmental ad hoc committee;

14. Requests the intergovernmental ad hoc
committee, in carrying out its work pursuant to paragraph
10 above, to take into account the report of the
intergovernmental group of experts, the report of the
working group on the implementation of the Naples
Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against
Organized Transnational Crime,\(^7\) including its
appendices, and Economic and Social Council
1998;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the
necessary resources to convene, support and follow up
the work of the intergovernmental ad hoc committee;

16. Invites donor countries to cooperate with
developing countries to ensure their full participation in
the work of the intergovernmental ad hoc committee;

\(^7\) Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998,
annex III.