

1999/23. Work of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 53/114 of 9 December 1998 on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity,

Recalling also the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, annexed to General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in which it is stated that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice should have certain functions, including facilitating and helping to coordinate the activities of the United Nations interregional and regional institutes for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, and that, given the important role of the institutes, their contributions to policy development and implementation and their resource requirements should be

fully integrated into the overall United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 48/103 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to provide from existing resources adequate funds to build and maintain the institutional capacity of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme to respond to requests from Member States for assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, if necessary through the reallocation of resources,

Recalling its resolution 1992/22 of 30 July 1992,

Recalling also its agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system,⁶⁵ adopted at the coordination segment of its substantive session of 1997, and the need to maintain a balance between the different priority issues within the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme,

1. *Notes* the new structure of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme as laid out in the Secretary-General's bulletin on the Organization of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat,⁶⁸

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention⁶⁹ and the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes comprising the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network;⁷⁰

3. *Welcomes* Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 7/1 of 30 April 1998,⁷¹ in section I of which the Commission decided to mainstream a gender perspective into all its activities and requested the Secretariat to integrate a gender perspective into all the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention;

4. *Notes* the initiative of the Centre, in cooperation with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, in developing the global programme against trafficking in human beings, the global programme against corruption and the global studies on transnational organized crime, but stresses that the programmes promoted by the Centre should be formulated on the basis of close consultation with Member States and review by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

5. *Calls upon* the Centre to reinforce its efforts to focus its technical cooperation activities on priority issues and concerns in crime prevention and criminal justice, to pursue a comprehensive approach in carrying out its operational activities, to coordinate more fully its activities with recipient and donor countries and to interact with other relevant United Nations entities and with the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network;

⁶⁸ ST/SGB/1998/17.

⁶⁹ E/CN.15/1999/2.

⁷⁰ E/CN.15/1999/4.

⁷¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 10 and corrigendum (E/1998/30 and Corr.1), chap. I, sect. D.*

6. *Urges* States and funding agencies to review, as appropriate, their funding policies for development assistance and to include a crime prevention and criminal justice component in such assistance;

7. *Calls upon* States to make every effort to contribute to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund;

8. *Encourages* States to provide the Centre with information on best practices and lessons learned from technical cooperation projects executed by the Centre;

9. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Thirteenth Joint Programme Coordination Meeting of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network, held at Courmayeur, Italy, on 23 and 24 September 1998;

10. *Welcomes* the unique contribution of the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, individually and collectively, to the implementation of the mandate of the Secretary-General in crime prevention and criminal justice, as reflected in the annex to the report of the Thirteenth Joint Programme Coordination Meeting;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the expertise and resources of the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network are utilized effectively in the implementation of the Programme;

12. *Invites* interested Member States to explore the possibility of cooperative projects with the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network;

13. *Invites* the workshop on women in the criminal justice system, to be held at the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders at Vienna in April 2000, to consider the desirability of conducting an international victimization survey on violence against women that will enable Member States and the international community to develop action-oriented policies to eliminate violence against women;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the activities of the workshop on crimes related to the computer network, to be held at the Tenth Congress, to conduct a study on effective measures that could be taken at the national and international levels to prevent and control computer-related crime, which would include an examination of the desirability of preparing manuals, guidelines and recommendations, and to report on the conclusions of the study to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its tenth session.

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