

## 1999/25. Effective crime prevention

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 1996/16 of 23 July 1996, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to promote the use and application of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice matters,

*Recalling* the preliminary draft elements of responsible crime prevention annexed to its resolution 1997/33 of 21 July 1997, in particular those on community involvement in crime prevention, contained in paragraphs 14 to 23 of that annex,

*Recognizing* that effective crime prevention is increasingly being regarded as a development issue in the international arena and that a viable criminal justice system is at the core of economic growth and social stability,

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions of the Expert Group Meeting on Community Involvement in Crime Prevention, held at Buenos Aires from 8 to 10 February 1999, and of the report of that meeting<sup>72</sup> to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its eighth session;

2. *Requests* the Commission to urge Member States to recognize that effective crime prevention is the result of mobilizing local, national and international actors, stakeholders and partners;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene an interregional expert group meeting, with the extrabudgetary support of interested Governments, bearing in mind the preliminary draft elements of responsible crime prevention contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/33, in order to analyse possible mechanisms for applying successful crime prevention strategies that are both situational and oriented towards social development to forms of crime such as urban crime, domestic violence and

juvenile crime and, where appropriate, to new and emerging forms of crime such as organized crime, trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and corruption;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, with the extrabudgetary support of interested Governments, to conduct a study on possible cultural and institutional differences in effective crime prevention and to make the study available to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

5. *Requests* the Commission to explore the possibility of preparing guidelines on crime prevention for policy makers and a handbook on crime prevention for practitioners;

6. *Requests* Member States to use the occasion of the workshop on community involvement in crime prevention that will be organized at the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held at Vienna from 10 to 17 April 2000, as an opportunity for Governments with technical assistance needs to form partnerships with interested donor Governments and with United Nations entities for the express purpose of developing practical technical cooperation projects aimed at addressing common problems of crime prevention;

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the initiative of the Governments of Canada, France and the Netherlands to convene a conference in collaboration with the Centre for International Crime Prevention on the theme "Putting crime prevention knowledge to work", to be held at Montreal from 3 to 6 October 1999, which will assist in the preparations for the Tenth Congress workshop on community involvement in crime prevention;

8. *Invites* Member States to hold regional meetings of government experts on community involvement in crime prevention in order to study and develop differentiated models of crime prevention strategies that are both situational and oriented towards social development in countries with similar cultural and legal traditions;

9. *Urges* the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat to promote projects that contribute to the exchange of information and experience in crime prevention for the purpose of encouraging new forms of collaboration between countries at the levels of government, the community and non-governmental organizations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure broad professional and geographical participation at the workshop of, *inter alia*, policy advisers, law enforcement, prosecutorial and judicial authorities, academics, social workers, health workers and educators, relevant United Nations bodies, including the United Nations Development Programme, relevant non-governmental organizations, members of the private security industry, the business community, the media, local government officials and crime prevention coordinators.

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<sup>72</sup> E/CN.15/1999/CRP.1.