

**2000/15. Implementation of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the importance of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/34 of 29 November 1985, and the adoption of the Declaration as an important landmark in international efforts to improve the treatment of victims,

*Bearing in mind* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/34, called upon Member States to take the necessary steps to give effect to the provisions of the Declaration, and urged United Nations entities, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to cooperate in the implementation of those provisions,

*Recalling* its resolution 1998/21 of 28 July 1998, in which it requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States regarding the desirability and feasibility of establishing an international fund for victims of crime and abuse of power and to convene a working group on this matter, consisting of Member States that expressed an interest in such a fund,

*Recalling also* the plan of action for the implementation of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, annexed to its resolution 1998/21,

*Deeply concerned* about the continuing victimization by crime, especially organized crime, violence, terrorism and abuse of power, in particular of vulnerable individuals such as women and children, which exacts a vast human cost and impairs the quality of life in many parts of the world,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work done by the working group of experts that met in January 2000 pursuant to resolution 1998/21;

2. *Takes note* of the finding of the working group of experts that there is a need to provide adequate assistance to initiatives in the area of victim care;<sup>69</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on possible ways and means of providing adequate assistance to initiatives in the area of victim care, taking into account, inter alia, the existing mechanisms providing such assistance and the report of the working group of experts, and to submit it to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its tenth session;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to

continue to take the necessary steps to give effect to the provisions of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power in cooperation with United Nations entities and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

5. *Invites* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to consider at its tenth session the report of the working group of experts and the report of the Secretary-General.

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<sup>69</sup> See E/CN.15/2000/CRP.3.