

## ECOSOC Resolution 2003/24

### **Work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention, including the management of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in which the Assembly approved the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 56/123 of 19 December 2001 and 57/173 of 18 December 2002 on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity,

*Welcoming* the increase in voluntary contributions made by donors to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, which enables the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of the Secretariat to execute a larger number of technical assistance projects,

*Welcoming also* other contributions made by donors in direct support of activities and projects of the Centre, including through contributions made to institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network,

*Recognizing* the importance of transparency and close communication between the Centre and Member States in order to raise the confidence of Member States in its work,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Invites* Member States to make appropriate voluntary contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund in order to strengthen the capacity of the Centre to provide technical assistance to requesting States;

3. *Encourages* Member States to continue to make contributions in direct support of activities and projects of the Centre, including through contributions to institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network;

4. *Welcomes* the efforts being made by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to ensure transparency in its work, as well as to maintain a continuous dialogue with Member States, including through appropriate informative documentation, with a view to enhancing its accountability to Member States and to improve the synergy between the activities of the Centre and those of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

---

<sup>1</sup> E/CN.15/2003/2.

5. *Encourages* the Centre for International Crime Prevention to provide Member States with more information on a regular basis on funding requirements for projects in order to increase voluntary contributions;

6. *Encourages* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary financial resources, to extend the Programme and Financial Information Management System to the activities funded by the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, so that Member States are provided with up-to-date online financial information on those activities;

7. *Stresses* the importance of monitoring and evaluation of projects financed by the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, and welcomes in that respect the recent decision to establish an independent evaluation function in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

8. *Welcomes* the recent delegation of authority from the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna for the management of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, which should increase the efficiency of the Centre for International Crime Prevention in managing its financial resources and enhance its reporting to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the financial status of the Fund;

9. *Encourages* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to use the experience of the Fund Raising Unit of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in areas such as broadening the donor base, cost-sharing, private sector funding and other innovative means to increase the resources of the Centre for International Crime Prevention;

10. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to include in his annual report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice information on the financial status of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund and the results of the evaluation of projects financed by the Fund;

11. *Also requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide Member States with relevant information on the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund when required.

*44th plenary meeting  
22 July 2003*