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Work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention

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The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice recommends to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly:

Strengthening the capacity of the Centre for International Crime Prevention to prevent and combat terrorism

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/1 of 12 September 2001, in which it strongly condemned the heinous acts of terrorism of 11 September 2001 and urgently called for international cooperation to prevent and eradicate acts of terrorism,

Recalling also its resolution 56/123 of 19 December 2001, in which it invited the Secretary-General to consider, in consultation with Member States and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the ways in which the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat could contribute to the efforts of the United Nations system against terrorism, in accordance with relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions,

Recalling further its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001, in paragraph 103 of which it requested the Secretary-General to make proposals to strengthen the Terrorism Prevention Branch at the United Nations Office at Vienna to enable it to carry out its mandate as approved by the General Assembly, and to report thereon to the Assembly for its consideration,

* E/CN.15/2002/1.



Recalling further its resolution 56/261 of 31 January 2002, in which it took note with appreciation of the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, which included a plan of action against terrorism,

Deeply concerned by the increase, in various regions of the world, of acts of terrorism motivated by intolerance or extremism,

Considering that the ratification and effective implementation of the international legal instruments on terrorism, especially the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism,¹ the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages² and the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings,³ are of paramount importance to efforts to fight terrorism,

Considering also that terrorism presents a complex challenge owing to its links with transnational organized crime, drug trafficking, arms trafficking, trafficking in human beings, money-laundering and other threats, including the movement of nuclear, chemical, biological and other potentially deadly materials and weapons of mass destruction,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat in the area of preventing terrorism, described in the report of the Executive Director on the work of the Centre,⁴ and of the efforts of the Centre to fulfil its mandate despite the limited resources available to it;

2. *Reaffirms* the crucial role that the Centre for International Crime Prevention has to play in promoting effective action to strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism;

3. *Notes* that the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention consist in, inter alia, providing to Member States, upon request, technical assistance for the ratification and effective implementation of the international legal instruments on terrorism, especially the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism,¹ the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages² and the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings,³ in accordance with the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, in particular the plan of action against terrorism,⁵ and relevant General Assembly resolutions;

4. *Notes* that the Centre for International Crime Prevention conducts research and analytical studies and plays a major role in increasing awareness on the scope and nature of terrorism, and encourages the Centre to develop further the studies on the links between terrorism and organized crime;

¹ General Assembly resolution 54/109, annex.

² General Assembly resolution 34/146, annex.

³ General Assembly resolution 52/164, annex.

⁴ E/CN.15/2002/2, paras. 31-45.

⁵ General Assembly resolution 56/261, annex, paras. 22-24.

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, to provide, on a regular basis, the Executive Committee on Peace and Security and the Counter-Terrorism Committee with information on the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention relevant to combating terrorism;

6. *Notes with concern* the inadequate human and financial resources available to the Centre for International Crime Prevention for the fulfilment of its mandate, and urges the Secretary-General to submit, without delay, concrete proposals to strengthen the capacity of the Centre to prevent and combat terrorism, pursuant to paragraph 103 of General Assembly resolution 56/253;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make concrete proposals for the biennium 2004-2005 towards strengthening the capacity of the Centre for International Crime Prevention to provide to Member States, upon request, technical assistance aimed at preventing and combating terrorism;

8. *Calls upon* all States to support the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention in the area of preventing and combating terrorism, and encourages States to make adequate voluntary contributions to support the technical cooperation activities of the Centre in that area;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.
