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Work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention

Austria and Finland: draft resolution

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

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, adopted at the coordination segment of its substantive session of 1997,

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;¹

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention² and the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the institutes comprising the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network;³

3. *Welcomes* Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 7/1, 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 activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention;

4. *Notes* the launching by the Centre for International Crime Prevention, in cooperation with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, of the global programme against trafficking in human beings, the global programme against corruption and the global studies on transnational organized crime;

5. *Calls upon* the Centre for International Crime Prevention 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;

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

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

8. *Encourages* States to provide the Centre for International Crime Prevention 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 in 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

¹ ST/SGB/1998/17.

² E/CN.15/1999/2.

³ E/CN.15/1999/4.

justice, as reflected in the annex to the report of the Thirteenth Joint Programme Coordination Meeting;

11. *Invites* the Commission to give full consideration to ensuring that the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network become more fully involved 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.
