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**TENTH UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF  
CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS**

**Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the informal working group  
on the Tenth Congress**

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:

**Preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and  
the Treatment of Offenders**

The Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 52/91 of 12 December 1997, on preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

*Considering* that, pursuant to its resolutions 415 (V) of 1 December 1950 and 46/152 of 18 December 1991, the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders is to be convened in the year 2000,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32 of 27 July 1993 and the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, annexed to that resolution,

*Emphasizing* the role of the Tenth Congress as a consultative body of the Programme, in accordance with paragraph 29 of 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,

*Aware* of the important work to be accomplished by the regional preparatory meetings for the Tenth Congress,

*Stressing* the importance of undertaking all the preparatory activities for the Tenth Congress in a timely and concerted manner,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,<sup>1</sup>

1. *Accepts with gratitude* the invitation of the Government of Austria to host the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders at Vienna;

2. *Decides* to hold the Tenth Congress from 10 to 17 April 2000, with pre-congress consultations to be held on 9 April 2000;

3. *Approves* the following provisional agenda for the Tenth Congress, finalized by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its seventh session:

1. Opening of the Congress
2. Organizational matters
3. Promoting the rule of law and strengthening the criminal justice system
4. International cooperation in combating transnational crime: new challenges in the twenty-first century
5. Effective crime prevention: keeping pace with new developments
6. Offenders and victims: accountability and fairness in the justice process
7. Adoption of the report of the Congress;

4. *Takes note* that the Commission, at its seventh session, approved a discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Tenth Congress;

5. *Endorses* the programme of work for the Tenth Congress, including the holding of four practically oriented, technical workshops;

6. *Decides* that the theme of the Tenth Congress should be “Crime and justice: meeting the challenges of the twenty-first century”;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of the workshops and invites Member States, non-governmental organizations and other relevant entities to support financially, organizationally and technically the preparations for the workshops, including the preparation and circulation of relevant background material;

8. *Invites* donor countries to cooperate with developing countries to ensure their full participation in the workshops;

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<sup>1</sup>E/CN.15/1998/2.

9. *Encourages* Governments to undertake preparations for the Tenth Congress at an early stage by all appropriate means, including the establishment of national preparatory committees, with a view to contributing to a focused and productive discussion on the topics and to actively participating in the organization and follow-up of the workshops;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To undertake the necessary logistic steps, in collaboration with Member States and the network of institutes for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, to mobilize the participation of interested partners in the preparations for the four workshops;

(b) To facilitate the organization of ancillary meetings of non-governmental and professional organizations participating in the Tenth Congress, in accordance with past practice, as well as meetings of professional and geographical interest groups, and to take appropriate measures to encourage the participation of the academic and research community in the Tenth Congress;

(c) To ensure a wide and effective programme of public information related to the preparations for the Tenth Congress, to the Congress itself and to the implementation of its conclusions;

11. *Urges* the regional preparatory meetings to examine the substantive agenda items and workshop topics of the Tenth Congress and to make action-oriented recommendations for consideration by the Commission at its eighth session;

12. *Requests* the Commission, as the preparatory body for the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, to accord high priority, at its eighth session, to the finalization in good time of all the necessary organizational and substantive arrangements;

13. *Also requests* the Commission at its eighth session to prepare a draft declaration for submission to the Tenth Congress, taking into account the results of the regional preparatory meetings;

14. *Requests* the Tenth Congress to elaborate a single declaration containing its recommendations on the various substantive items of its agenda with a view to submitting it to the Commission for consideration at its ninth session;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure proper follow-up of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly through the Commission at its eighth session.