

services for children and to recognize those children whose needs are not being met by existing services,

Recalling its resolution 1925 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975, in which it decided that the Expert Group which was to prepare a draft declaration should also draft guidelines for the use of Governments in the implementation of the principles,

1. *Takes note* of paragraphs 150 to 154 of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-sixth session³⁵ concerning the draft declaration on social and legal principles relating to adoption and foster placement of children nationally and internationally and submits the draft declaration³⁶ to the General Assembly for preliminary consideration at its thirty-fourth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the draft declaration to all Member States with a view to obtaining their comments on the matter and submitting the results of the inquiry to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

3. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to the fact that the Commission for Social Development, at its twenty-sixth session, expressed the wish that, in the event of the Assembly adopting the declaration on social and legal principles relating to adoption and foster placement of children nationally and internationally and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary funds for that purpose, the Secretary-General should be authorized to convene a group of experts, with relevant experience in family and child welfare, representative of all geographical regions, to draft guidelines for the use of Governments in the implementation of those principles.

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9 May 1979*

1979/29. Preparations for the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting from the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its fifth session³⁷ that the Secretariat has made considerable progress in the preparation of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

Conscious of the need for co-ordinated efforts to ensure the success of the Sixth Congress,

Recognizing that the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, which is a unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, is charged with the substantive preparation of the Sixth Congress,

Noting the intention of the Secretary-General to retain at United Nations Headquarters four posts of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in preparation for the Congress,

Reaffirming its support for the Secretary-General's plans with respect to the transfer of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch,

³⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 4 (E/1979/24).*

³⁶ See E/CN.5/574, sect. IV.

³⁷ E/CN.5/558, paras.51-54.

Having taken note of General Assembly resolutions 31/194 of 22 December 1976 and 33/181 of 21 December 1978,

Requests the Secretary-General, nevertheless, to examine the possibility of temporarily deferring the transfer of the staff members of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch involved in the preparation of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders until the end of the Congress.

*14th plenary meeting
9 May 1979*

1979/30. Enlargement of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/60 of 8 December 1977,

Convinced of the desirability of increasing the membership of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control as suggested by the Committee at its fifth session, without prejudice to the principle of equitable geographical distribution,

1. *Decides* to increase the membership of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to twenty-seven members;

2. *Decides* that the seats on the Committee will be distributed as follows:

Seven seats to African States;

Six seats to Asian States;

Three seats to Eastern European States;

Five seats to Latin American States;

Six seats to Western European and other States.

*14th plenary meeting
9 May 1979*

1979/31. International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the gravity of the problem of drinking water supply and sanitation and the crisis that mankind may have to face unless timely action is taken,

Recognizing that the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan³⁸ adopted by the United Nations Water Conference includes, *inter alia*, the launching of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade recommended in paragraph 15 of the Action Plan,

Taking note of the progress report on drinking water supply and sanitation,³⁹ prepared by the World Health Organization in co-operation with other international organizations, and the reports of the regional meetings held under the auspices of the regional commissions⁴⁰ and the proposals contained therein,

³⁸ *Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata, 14-25 March 1977* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12), chap. I.

³⁹ E/C.7/80 and Add.1.

⁴⁰ E/C.7/90-94.