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

Implementation of the United Nations Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the importance of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/34 of 29 November 1985,

Considering that the adoption of the Declaration was an important landmark in international efforts to improve the treatment of victims,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly, in its resolution 40/34, called upon Member States to take the necessary steps to give effect to the provisions contained in the Declaration, and urged the specialized agencies and other entities and bodies of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to cooperate in the implementation of its provisions,

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Recalling its resolution 1998/21 of 28 July 1998, in which it requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States regarding the desirability and feasibility of establishing an international fund for victims of crime and abuse of power and to convene a working group on the matter, consisting of Member States that expressed an interest in such a fund,

Recalling also the plan of action for the implementation of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power annexed to its resolution 1998/21,

Deeply concerned about the continuing victimization by crime, especially organized crime, violence, terrorism and abuse of power, in particular of vulnerable groups and individuals, which exacts a vast human cost and impairs the quality of life in many parts of the world,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the working group that met to study the desirability and feasibility of an international fund for victims of crime and abuse of power;

2. *Takes note* of the findings of the working group, which include, *inter alia*, the recommendation that the Secretary-General take the necessary steps to establish a United Nations fund for the support of victims of transnational crime to provide financial assistance for the implementation of new initiatives in the area of victim care by credible groups in different countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of the findings of the working group, a report on possible ways and means to follow up on the recommendations of the working group, and to present a report thereon to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its tenth session;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, Member States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to take the necessary steps to give effect to the provisions of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims and Abuse of Power;

5. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other entities and bodies of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its tenth session on the implementation of the present resolution.
