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Strengthening international cooperation in combating terrorism

Austria and Morocco: revised draft resolution

Symposium on the theme “Combating international terrorism: the contribution of the United Nations”

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Reaffirming the important role of the United Nations in the fight against terrorism,

Recalling relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001, in which the Council noted the close connection between international terrorism and transnational organized crime, illicit drugs, money-laundering, illegal arms trafficking and illegal movement of nuclear, chemical, biological and other potentially deadly materials and, in that regard, emphasized the need to enhance coordination of efforts on national, subregional, regional and international levels in order to strengthen a global response to that serious challenge and threat to international security,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/88 of 12 December 2001, in which the Assembly urged all States and the Secretary-General, in their efforts to prevent international terrorism, to make best use of the existing institutions of the United Nations,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 56/123 of 19 December 2001, in which the Assembly 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 could contribute to the efforts of the United Nations system against terrorism, in accordance with relevant Assembly and Security Council resolutions, and reaffirmed the role of the Centre in providing to Member



States, upon request, technical cooperation, advisory services and other forms of assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including in the areas of prevention and control of transnational organized crime and terrorism,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001, in which the Assembly 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 Assembly and to report thereon to the Assembly for its consideration,

Recalling that section VII of the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, annexed to General Assembly resolution 56/261 of 31 January 2002, call for, inter alia, the Centre for International Crime Prevention to encourage States to sign and ratify international instruments dealing with terrorism, to provide assistance in implementing such instruments to States upon request and to take measures, in cooperation with Member States, to raise public awareness of the nature and scope of international terrorism and its relationship to crime, including organized crime,

Emphasizing that it is necessary for the relevant United Nations bodies to coordinate action against terrorism and that the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention should be complementary to and supportive of the activities of the Counter-Terrorism Committee,

Noting that a draft comprehensive convention against terrorism is under the active consideration of the General Assembly,

1. *Welcomes* the offer made at its tenth session by the Government of Austria to host a symposium on the theme “Combating international terrorism: the contribution of the United Nations”;
2. *Requests* the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention to prepare, in consultation with Member States, the programme of the symposium on the theme “Combating international terrorism: the contribution of the United Nations”, to be held in Vienna on 3 and 4 June 2002;
3. *Supports* the convening of the symposium, and notes its purposes and goals within the framework of the efforts of the United Nations against terrorism;
4. *Strongly encourages* Member States to participate in the preparations for the symposium and in the symposium itself;
5. *Requests* the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention to report the proceedings of the symposium and the views of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice thereon to the Secretary-General for his consideration in finalizing his report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/123.