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**International cooperation in combating
transnational crime****Brazil: draft resolution**

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

Prevention of urban crime

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 55/59 of 4 December 2000, in which the Assembly endorsed the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, adopted by the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, resolution 56/261 of 31 January 2002, in which the Assembly took note with appreciation of the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration, annexed to resolution 56/261, including the plan of action on crime prevention,¹ and resolution 57/170 of 18 December 2002, in which the Assembly again invited Governments to use the plans of action as a guide in their efforts to formulate legislation, policies and programmes in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice,

Recalling also its resolution 1995/9 of 24 July 1995, in which it adopted guidelines for cooperation and technical assistance in the field of urban crime prevention,

Recalling further its resolution 2002/13 of 24 July 2002, on action to promote effective crime prevention, in which it accepted the Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime, annexed to the resolution,

* E/CN.15/2003/1 and Corr.1.

¹ General Assembly resolution 56/261, annex, sect. VIII.



Concerned at the continuing rise in urban crime of an increasingly serious nature in many parts of the world, including robbery, kidnapping and organized theft of motor vehicles,

Mindful of the clear linkages between urban crime and drug trafficking, organized crime and the illegal possession of firearms,

Recognizing that in many countries with large conurbations activities of organized criminal groups have become the principal threat to public safety,

Recognizing also that urban crime, by hampering economic growth and weakening state institutions, undermines efforts to promote sustainable development and reduce poverty,

Recognizing further the need for a balanced, integrated approach to fighting urban crime, including activities addressing such root causes as poverty, social exclusion and lack of opportunities for young people,

Recognizing that crime prevention strategies and actions should be based on a broad, multidisciplinary foundation of knowledge about proven and promising practices,

Reiterating the need for more regional and international collaboration in the fight against urban crime,

1. *Encourages* Member States to draw upon the Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime and to report on their experience in developing, implementing and evaluating crime prevention programmes and projects on the basis of the Guidelines;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime² of the Secretariat, in consultation with Member States, the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and other relevant entities of the United Nations system, to prepare proposals for the provision of technical assistance in the area of crime prevention, in accordance with the Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime, including through capacity-building and training;

3. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to develop a practical manual on the use and application of the Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime, including an overview of proven and promising practices in the area of urban crime prevention, and to convene for that purpose an expert group meeting, within existing or extrabudgetary resources;

4. *Again calls upon* all relevant United Nations organizations and bodies and international financial institutions to give appropriate consideration to the inclusion of urban crime prevention and law enforcement projects in their assistance programmes;

5. *Recommends* that in the programme of the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice due attention be given to the issue of urban crime.

² Formerly known as the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention.