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Prevention and Criminal Justice

## Bolivia: \* draft resolution

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

## Strengthening reporting on crime trends

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the importance of regular collection and analysis of relevant information on crime and illicit drugs for policymaking and technical cooperation,

*Recognizing* the important role of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in collecting and analysing relevant information on drug abuse and control, crime prevention and criminal justice,

Noting with appreciation the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the regular collection of information on crime trends and the operations of criminal justice systems in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 3021 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 on crime prevention and control and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/48 of 25 May 1984 on crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development, which resulted in the conducting of eight United Nations surveys on crime trends and operations of criminal justice systems, as well as the important contribution of the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice as a forum for discussion and presentation of their findings,

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<sup>\*</sup> On behalf of the Member States of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 59/159 of 20 December 2004 on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity, in which the Assembly called upon the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime by providing it with the resources necessary for the full implementation of its mandate in crime prevention and criminal justice, including the preparation of an updated publication on world crime trends,

Recalling also its resolution 1997/27 of 21 July 1997 on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme with regard to the development of crime statistics and the operations of criminal justice systems, in which it urged Member States to take action for the improvement of crime and criminal justice statistics and to provide support to the participation in the international surveys on victims of crime through extrabudgetary resources,

Considering the need to improve responses to crime, in particular corruption, nationally and internationally, inter alia, by collecting and sharing information on crime, in particular corruption, and on effective countermeasures, in accordance with national legislation, as emphasized in the Bangkok Declaration on Synergies and Responses: Strategic Alliances in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, adopted at the high-level segment of the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Bangkok from 18 to 25 April 2005,

Noting with appreciation the work done by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network in the area of trends in crime and justice,

- 1. *Encourages* Member States to provide information on crime prevention and criminal justice to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
- 2. Recommends that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime expand the existing crime surveys beyond conventional crime in order to collect relevant data on organized crime, corruption, trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, and explore the possibility of convening an expert group meeting for that purpose;
- 3. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue conducting the United Nations surveys on crime and operations of criminal justice systems at regular intervals, including, when needed, supplementary surveys on selected topics;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime by providing it with the resources necessary for the regular publication of a world report on crime, in cooperation with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and the other institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, and invites Member States to make voluntary contributions for that purpose;
- 5. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fifteenth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A/CONF.203/18, chap. I, resolution 1.