

Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, under the appropriate item;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to obtain information, from Member States and other available sources, on the development of legal provisions, the actual practice relating to the death penalty and the arbitrary character of some executions, and to make his next report on capital punishment available to the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders for consideration.

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1983/25. Functions and long-term programme of work of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1584 (L) of 21 May 1971 on criminality and social change, in which, *inter alia*, it decided that the members of the Advisory Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders should be appointed by the Economic and Social Council on the recommendation of the Secretary-General, that the Committee should be renamed the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control and that it should report to the Commission for Social Development and, as appropriate on particular aspects, to the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling also, however, General Assembly resolution 32/60 of 8 December 1977, in which, *inter alia*, the Assembly decided that the members of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control should be elected by the Economic and Social Council for a term of four years, with half the membership being elected every two years, on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution, from among experts who possess the necessary qualifications and professional or scientific knowledge in the field and are nominated by Member States, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/19 and 1979/30 of 9 May 1979 on the functions and long-term programme of work and on the enlargement of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control,

Recalling further its decision 1981/122 of 6 May 1981 and General Assembly resolution 36/21 of 9 November 1981,

Mindful of General Assembly resolution 32/60 and of resolution 35/171 of 15 December 1980, in which the Assembly endorsed the Caracas Declaration adopted by the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, annexed to that resolution, and the recommendations of the Congress relating to the new perspectives for international co-operation in respect of crime prevention,

Considering that in the Caracas Declaration the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council were invited to ensure that appropriate measures be taken to strengthen, as necessary, the activities of the competent United Nations organs concerned with crime prevention and the treatment of offenders,

Deeply concerned that crime continues to spread in many parts of the world, requiring continuing and ever-increasing attention on the part of the world community,

as demonstrated by the concern expressed by the General Assembly in resolutions 35/171 and 36/21,

Taking note of the important contributions of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in elaborating the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials,⁵³ the report on methods and ways likely to be most effective in preventing crime and improving the treatment of offenders,⁵⁴ and its recommendations on capital punishment and arbitrary or summary executions,⁵⁵

Taking into account the fact that, in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 32/60, the Committee was entrusted with the function of submitting to the Economic and Social Council appropriate proposals concerning the preparation of United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, and that the composition and the appointment procedures of the Committee were modified in paragraph 4 of the same resolution,

Bearing in mind that the United Nations congress on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders have a comprehensive scope and that their agenda normally cover the main subjects within the functions and programme of the Committee,

Convinced that the magnitude and fundamental importance of the functions entrusted to the Committee require not only the most informed, thoughtful and deliberate consideration by the Committee, but also the timely submission of its recommendations to, and action thereon by, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* that henceforth the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control shall report directly to the Council;

2. *Decides also* that the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control will send its report to the Commission for Social Development and, where appropriate, to other relevant United Nations organs.

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1983/26. Co-ordination and information in the field of youth

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1979/27 of 9 May 1979, 1980/25 of 2 May 1980, 1981/25 of 6 May 1981 and 1982/28 of 4 May 1982 on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 34/151 of 17 December 1979, 36/28 of 13 November 1981 and 37/48 of 3 December 1982 on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Noting that the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year will hold its third session at Vienna during the first half of 1984,

Considering that the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, as well as the recommendations endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/48, will contribute to intensifying and improving the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations and specialized agencies relating to youth,

⁵³ General Assembly resolution 34/169, annex.

⁵⁴ E/CN.5/536, annex IV.

⁵⁵ See E/CN.5/1983/2.

Convinced of the importance of giving widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations in the field of youth and of increasing the dissemination of information about youth, especially in the context of the preparations for the International Youth Year,

Noting that the inter-agency consultations have proved to be a useful tool in planning, initiating, promoting and implementing activities in the field of youth in the context of the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,⁵⁶

1. *Endorses* the conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination and information in the field of youth;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary organizational measures to ensure the success of the regional meetings devoted to the International Youth Year, in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 37/48;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the ideas expressed in the Economic and Social Council on ways and means for improving the activities of co-ordination and information in the field of youth in the preparation of the documentation to be submitted to the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year at its third session;

4. *Invites* all United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions and other international inter-governmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations concerned, to pay particular attention to the improvement of co-ordination and information in the field of youth in the context of the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, as well as of the recommendations endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/48;

5. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1984, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, the progress achieved in co-ordination and information in the field of youth.

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1983/27. Communications concerning the status of women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 76 (V) of 5 August 1947 and 304 I (XI) of 14 and 17 July 1950, which continue to form the basis for the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women to receive at each of its regular sessions a list of confidential and non-confidential communications relating to the status of women,

Recalling also its resolution 1980/39 of 2 May 1980,

Recognizing the desirability of strengthening the capacity of the Commission on the Status of Women to deal with communications and, in this respect, taking note of paragraph 274 of the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁵⁷

in which it was emphasized that the Commission's ability to consider communications should be improved,

Considering that, since the beginning of the United Nations Decade for Women, the volume of communications on the status of women has increased substantially,

Affirming that discrimination against women is incompatible with human dignity and that women and men should participate on the basis of equality, irrespective of race or creed, in the social, economic and political processes of their countries,

1. *Reaffirms* the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women to consider confidential and non-confidential communications on the status of women;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, beginning at its thirtieth session, a report on confidential and non-confidential communications on the status of women, which shall include:

(a) Communications received under Council resolutions 76 (V) and 304 I (XI), including the comments of Governments thereon, if any;

(b) Communications received by the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other United Nations bodies, together with information on action that may have been taken following the receipt of such communications;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to solicit the co-operation of the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other United Nations bodies in compiling the report called for under paragraph 2 above;

4. *Authorizes* the Commission on the Status of Women henceforth to appoint a working group consisting of not more than five of its members, selected with due regard for geographical distribution, to meet in closed meetings during each session of the Commission in order that it may perform the following functions:

(a) Consideration of all communications, including the replies of Governments thereon, if any, with a view to bringing to the attention of the Commission those communications, including the replies of Governments, which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of reliably attested injustice and discriminatory practices against women;

(b) Preparation of a report, based on its analysis of the confidential and non-confidential communications, which will indicate the categories in which communications are most frequently submitted to the Commission;

5. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the report of the working group and to avoid duplication of the work undertaken by other organs of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission being, in this respect, empowered only to make recommendations to the Council, which shall then decide what action may appropriately be taken on the emerging trends and patterns of communications;

6. *Decides* that all actions envisaged in the implementation of the present resolution by the Commission on the Status of Women shall remain confidential until such time as the Commission may decide to make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council;

7. *Decides* to authorize the Secretary-General to provide, within existing budgetary resources, the services and

⁵⁷ See *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum) chap. I, sect. A.

⁵⁶ E/1983/29.