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#### Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

##### Canada, Finland and Thailand: draft resolution

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

#### Follow-up to the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 56/119 of 19 December 2001, on the role, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, in which it stipulated the guidelines in accordance with which, beginning in 2005, the congresses, pursuant to paragraphs 29 and 30 of the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme,<sup>1</sup> should be held,

*Emphasizing* the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950,

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\* E/CN.15/2012/1.

<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 46/152, annex.



*Acknowledging* that the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice, as major international forums, have influenced national policies and practices and promoted international cooperation in that field by facilitating the exchange of views and experience, mobilizing public opinion and recommending policy options at the national, regional and international levels,

*Recalling* its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields, in which it stressed that all countries should promote policies consistent and coherent with the commitments of the major United Nations conferences and summits, emphasized that the United Nations system had an important responsibility to assist Governments to stay fully engaged in the follow-up to and implementation of agreements and commitments reached at the major United Nations conferences and summits, and invited its intergovernmental bodies to further promote the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits,

*Recalling also* its resolution 62/173 of 18 December 2007, in which it endorsed the recommendations made by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Lessons Learned from United Nations Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its meeting held in Bangkok from 15 to 18 August 2006,

*Recalling further* its resolution 65/230 of 21 December 2010, in which it endorsed the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World,<sup>2</sup> as adopted by the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to consider at its twentieth session options to improve the efficiency of the process involved in the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice, and welcomed with appreciation the offer of the Government of Qatar to act as host to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in 2015,

*Recalling* its resolution 66/179 of 19 December 2011, in which it requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to approve at its twenty-first session the overall theme, the agenda items and the topics for the workshops of the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and recommended that the outcome of future crime congresses be strengthened by limiting the number of their agenda items and workshops,

*Recalling also* the development goals and commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,<sup>3</sup> the 2005 World Summit Outcome<sup>4</sup> and its resolution 65/1 of 22 September 2010, entitled “Keeping the promise: united to achieve the Millennium Development Goals”, and convinced of the need, as the deadline set by world leaders to achieve the Millennium Development Goals<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Assembly resolution 65/230, annex.

<sup>3</sup> Assembly resolution 55/2.

<sup>4</sup> Assembly resolution 60/1.

<sup>5</sup> A/56/326, annex.

approaches, to consider ways and means to advance the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015,

*Emphasizing* the increasing interdependence of global and regional socio-economic, cultural, security and humanitarian systems, processes and activities, and the need to consider issues related to crime prevention and criminal justice, rule of law and human rights in that global context,

*Emphasizing also* the need for coordinated, contextual and multidisciplinary approaches to ensure that crime prevention, criminal justice, rule of law and human rights elements are fully integrated into global and regional efforts in sustainable development, post-conflict reconstruction, the maintenance of international and regional peace and security and other similar endeavours,

*Stressing* the importance of undertaking all preparatory activities for the Thirteenth Congress in a timely and concerted manner,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Twelfth Congress and preparations for the Thirteenth Congress,<sup>6</sup>

1. *Reiterates* its invitation to Governments to take into consideration the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World<sup>7</sup> and the recommendations adopted by the Twelfth Congress when formulating legislation and policy directives and to make all efforts, where appropriate, to implement the principles contained therein, taking into account the economic, social, legal and cultural specificities of their respective States;

2. *Takes note of* the progress made thus far in the preparations for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

3. *Decides* that the duration of the Thirteenth Congress should not exceed eight days, including pre-Congress consultations;

4. *Decides* that the main theme of the Thirteenth Congress shall be “Crime and the global agenda: crime prevention and criminal justice programmes for development, reconstruction and similar activities beyond 2015”;

5. *Decides* that, in accordance with its resolution 56/119 of 19 December 2001, the Thirteenth Congress shall include a high-level segment in which States will be represented at the highest possible level, for example by Heads of State or Government, Government ministers or attorneys general, and that representatives will be given an opportunity to make statements on the topics of the Congress;

6. *Decides* that in accordance with its resolution 56/119, the Thirteenth Congress shall adopt a single declaration containing recommendations derived from the deliberations of the high-level segment, the round tables and the workshops, to be submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for its consideration;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to facilitate the participation of representatives from relevant entities of the United Nations system in the Congress,

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<sup>6</sup> E/CN.15/2012/21.

<sup>7</sup> Assembly resolution 65/230, annex.

bearing in mind its resolution 65/1 of 22 September 2010, entitled “Keeping the promise: united to achieve the Millennium Development Goals”, in which Heads of State and Government reaffirmed the important role of the United Nations funds, programmes and regional commissions, and the specialized agencies, in accordance with their respective mandates, in advancing development and in protecting development gains, in accordance with national strategies and priorities, including progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and the commitment to take steps for a strong, well-coordinated, coherent and effective United Nations system in support of the Millennium Development Goals;

8. *Approves* the following provisional agenda for the Thirteenth Congress, finalized by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twenty-first session:

1. Opening of the Congress.
2. Organizational matters.
3. [...].
4. [...].
5. [...].
6. Adoption of the report of the Congress.

9. *Decides* that the following issues shall be considered in workshops within the framework of the Thirteenth Congress:

- (a) [...];
- (b) [...];
- (c) [...];
- (d) [...];

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, to prepare a discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Thirteenth Congress in a timely manner in order to enable these meetings to commence in 2013, and invites Member States to be actively involved in that process;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to facilitate the organization of regional preparatory meetings for the Thirteenth Congress and to make available the necessary resources for the participation of the least developed countries in those meetings and in the Congress itself, in accordance with past practice;

12. *Urges* participants in the regional preparatory meetings to examine the substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Thirteenth Congress and to make action-oriented recommendations for consideration by the Commission at its twenty-third session;

13. *Invites* Member States to be represented at the Thirteenth Congress at the highest possible level, for example by Heads of State or Government, Government ministers or attorneys general, to make statements on the theme and topics of the Thirteenth Congress and to participate actively in the high-level segment;

14. *Calls upon* Member States to play an active role in the Congress by sending legal and policy experts, including practitioners with special training and practical experience in crime prevention and criminal justice;

15. *Emphasizes* the importance of the workshops to be held within the framework of the Thirteenth Congress, and invites Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant entities to provide financial, organizational and technical support to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network for the preparations for the workshops, including the preparation and circulation of relevant background material;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to facilitate the organization of ancillary meetings of non-governmental and professional organizations participating in the Thirteenth Congress, in accordance with past practice, as well as meetings of professional and geographical interest groups, and to take appropriate measures to encourage the participation of the academic and research community in the Congress, as well as the active participation of Member States in the above-mentioned meetings, as they provide an opportunity to develop and maintain strong partnerships with the private sector and civil society organizations;

17. *Encourages* Governments to undertake preparations for the Thirteenth Congress at an early stage and by all appropriate means, including, where appropriate, the establishment of national preparatory committees;

18. *Encourages* the relevant United Nations programmes, specialized agencies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as other professional organizations, to cooperate with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the preparations for the Thirteenth Congress;

19. *Requests* the Commission to accord sufficient time at its twenty-second session to reviewing the progress made in the preparations for the Thirteenth Congress, to finalize in a timely manner all the necessary organizational and substantive arrangements and to make its recommendations to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure proper follow-up to the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly through the Commission at its twenty-second session.