

(a) The participation of peasants, including landless peasants, and nomadic populations in co-operatives;

(b) The role of co-operatives and organizations similar to co-operatives in promoting development in urban areas;

(c) The participation of all people, including women, youth, disabled persons and the aging, in co-operatives;

(d) The role and extent of government support in promoting co-operatives;

(e) Programmes to help co-operatives to adopt new technologies to increase production and marketing in the agricultural, commercial and industrial spheres;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit that report, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session for consideration under the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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#### 1987/48. Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1983/22 of 26 May 1983 and 1985/26 of 29 May 1985, by which the Secretary-General was requested, *inter alia*, to proceed with the organization of the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes, to be held, within existing budgetary resources, at Vienna, at an appropriate policy-making level, in the autumn of 1987,

Recalling also its resolutions 1979/18 of 9 May 1979 and 1981/20 of 6 May 1981 on strengthening developmental social welfare policies and programmes,

Mindful of the relevance of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development<sup>64</sup> to the Interregional Consultation, and reaffirming that the aim of the Interregional Consultation is to find some practical ways of implementing the provisions of the Declaration,

Convinced of the need to follow up the 1968 International Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare, and to reassess social welfare policies in the light of past experience and present issues,

Taking note of the action taken relevant to the Interregional Consultation at the Fourth Conference of African Ministers of Social Affairs, held at Addis Ababa from 18 to 26 March 1985, the Third Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development, held at Bangkok from 9 to 15 October 1985, the Arab Regional Conference on Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Arab World, held at Tunis under the auspices of the League of Arab States from 12 to 15 October 1985, and at the thirteenth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, held at Baghdad, from 19 to 24 April 1986,<sup>65</sup>

Taking note also of the preparations for the Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Social Affairs, to be held at Warsaw from 6 to 11 April 1987, and the Intergovernmental Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare, to be held at Montevideo in June 1987,<sup>63</sup>

Recognizing the importance of taking an integrated, family-oriented and cost-effective approach to the design and delivery of social welfare services and related social security arrangements, and other relevant social issues, especially in the context of implementing the conclusions of recent global events concerning women, youth, the disabled, the aging, the homeless, drug addicts, population and other areas significant to social welfare,

Taking into account the fact that the Interregional Consultation would also identify procedures to facilitate international co-operation in the implementation of its decisions,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes;<sup>64</sup>

2. Approves the revised draft agenda for the Interregional Consultation contained in the report of the Secretary-General<sup>65</sup> incorporating the change made by the Commission for Social Development at its thirtieth session, namely, that item 7 shall be entitled "Guiding principles for social welfare policies and programmes in the near future" instead of "Goals in the social field for the year 2000";

3. Calls upon States to participate in the Interregional Consultation at an appropriate policy-making level, for example, at the ministerial or other high decision-making level;

4. Calls upon intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and regional commissions to participate actively in the Interregional Consultation at a high decision-making level;

5. Calls upon non-governmental organizations in the field of social welfare having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to participate in the Interregional Consultation and its follow-up activities;

6. Expresses its appreciation to the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs for the work already performed in spite of budgetary and human resource constraints, and requests that a focal point within the Centre be identified to prepare for and follow up the activities of the Interregional Consultation and related activities in developmental social welfare policies and programmes;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to redeploy resources to ensure adequate preparations for and appropriate follow-up to the Interregional Consultation, and to provide for the follow-up of the Interregional Consultation in the proposed programme budget for 1988-1989 and, in the proposed medium-term plan for 1990-1995, for activities concerning developmental social welfare policies and programmes;

8. Calls upon all bodies within the United Nations system to avoid duplication in those areas, bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, in particular duplication of the work of the Interregional Consultation and the Commission for Social Development;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account, to the extent possible, in the documentation for the Interregional Consultation, the conclusions reached at the various regional preparatory meetings;

10. Decides that the Commission shall review at its thirty-first session the results of the Interregional Consultation.

<sup>63</sup> See E/CN.5/1987/5, sect. II.A.

<sup>64</sup> E/CN.5/1987/5 and Add.1

<sup>65</sup> E/CN.5/1987/5, sect. IV

tation, paying particular attention to technical co-operation activities in developmental social welfare for developing countries, and that specific actions shall be referred to the appropriate functional commissions of the Council;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the provisional agenda of the forty-second session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes".

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**1987/49. Preparations for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950 the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders is to be convened in 1990,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolutions 32/59 and 32/60 of 8 December 1977 and 35/171 of 15 December 1980, in which the Assembly noted the importance of United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,

*Welcoming* General Assembly resolution 40/32 of 29 November 1985, in which the Assembly expressed its satisfaction with the report of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders<sup>66</sup> and with the preparatory work carried out for it by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its seventh and eighth sessions and by the regional and interregional preparatory meetings convened in co-operation with the regional commissions, interregional and regional crime prevention institutes and interested Governments,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/45 of 25 May 1984 on the continuation of preparations for the Seventh Congress,

*Recognizing* the significant contributions of the congresses to the promotion and strengthening of international co-operation in crime prevention and criminal justice,

*Determined* to improve regional, interregional and international co-operation and co-ordination to achieve further progress in the formulation and implementation of United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice policy,

*Acknowledging* the need to promote further governmental, professional and public awareness of the issues related to crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development, particularly during the preparatory phase of the Eighth Congress,

*Conscious* of the consensus expressed by the General Assembly in relation to the Milan Plan of Action<sup>67</sup> and other resolutions and recommendations of the Seventh Congress of the need to keep national authorities involved in the preparations for the Eighth Congress,

*Having considered* the relevant recommendations made by the Committee at its ninth session<sup>68</sup> and bearing in

mind that, in accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 32/60, the Committee is entrusted with the function of preparing the quinquennial United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,

*Taking note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,<sup>69</sup>

*Taking note also* of the report of the Secretary-General on the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice,<sup>70</sup>

1. *Approves* the following provisional agenda for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, as recommended by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its ninth session:

1. Opening of the Congress
2. Organizational matters
3. Crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development: realities and perspectives of international co-operation
4. Criminal justice policies in relation to problems of imprisonment, other penal sanctions and alternative measures
5. Effective national and international action against:
  - (a) organized crime
  - (b) terrorist criminal activities
6. Prevention of delinquency, juvenile justice and the protection of the young: policy approaches and directions
7. United Nations norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice: implementation and priorities for further standard setting
8. Adoption of the report of the Congress;

2. *Decides* that item 3 should be considered in plenary meeting, the remaining items to be dealt with by two main committees;

3. *Encourages* Governments to make preparations for the Congress by all appropriate means, with a view to formulating national position papers, and to consider including national correspondents in Congress delegations;

4. *Invites* Member States to submit, for consideration by the Eighth Congress, information to the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Seventh Congress in order to ensure continuity between the congresses;

5. *Invites also* the regional commissions, national correspondents, regional and interregional institutes for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, specialized agencies and other entities within the United Nations system, concerned intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to become actively involved in the preparations for the Eighth Congress;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to ensure the successful undertaking of the preparatory activities for the Eighth Congress, as well as the success of the Congress itself, including the convening of the regional preparatory meetings and interregional meetings of experts in 1988 and 1989, and the commissioning of experts and consultants, selected with

<sup>66</sup> *Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985. Report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1).

<sup>67</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. I.

<sup>68</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 5 (E/1986/25)*.

<sup>69</sup> E/AC.57/1986/5

<sup>70</sup> E/1987/43