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Preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Report of the Secretary-General

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Introduction

The present is pursuant General Assembly 53/110 9 1998. should read conjunction the evious reports preparations the United s ngress the of and Treatment f offenders E/CN.15/1998/2 d Also direct is II the of Commission Crime and l ice its session,¹ summarizes e delibera of Commission the for Tenth

1. of Congress. Organizational
3. ing rule law strengthening criminal system.
- In cooperation combating - tional new in twenty first
5. crime keeping wit new
6. nders victims: and - in justice
7. of report the

II. taken

The Assembly already a of on and matters to Tenth on recommendation th Commission Crime and Justice which the body the and e and Council.

D. of

6. G Assembly, its 53/110 endo the of for Tenth , cluding holding four technica workshops the subjects:

Venue dates

Pursuant the of Government Austria host Tenth and General resolution the Congress to held Vienna 10 17 2000, pre-congress to held 9 2000. will followed by three-day of Commission, hich consider recommendations the Congress.

- Combatting
- (b) related the network; Community in prevention; Women the justice
- 7. p of takes account e n the in resolution o
- 12 ber to the two of e ses at Tenth following opening for by resenatives a political on main
- 8. morning the day the Congress be to opening followed y matters, uch the of From afternoon the day the of Tenth will undertaken concurrent of plenary d committees. sessions the will of e segment, general deliberations the of Whole the o conclusions recommendations. sessions the committees ill of discussion two agenda of Tenth and workshop each. detail see draft of which annexed the report.

Theme the Congress

The eneral in resolution , that theme the Congress b “Crim and meeting challenges the - century”.

Provisional

5. G Assembly, its 53/110 approved following agenda the h

9. The purpose of the pre-congress consultations, to be held on 9 April 2000, is to reach agreement on the recommendations to be made on all procedural and organizational matters to be dealt with by the Tenth Congress on the opening day, such as the election of officers, the appointment of the Credentials Committee and the arrangements for the preparation of the report of the Congress.

E. Outcome of the Tenth Congress

requested the

Tenth Congress to elaborate a single declaration, containing its recommendations on the various substantive items of its agenda, for consideration by the Commission at its ninth session.

F. Documentation

53/110, and

the proposals set out in the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the preparations for the Tenth Congress in accordance with the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses (E/CN.15/1998/2), the Tenth Congress will have before it the following documentation:

- (a) Basic documents:
 - (i) Draft declaration submitted to the Tenth Congress by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its eighth session;
 - (ii) Reports of the four regional preparatory meetings for the Tenth Congress (A/CONF.187/RPM.1/1, A/CONF.187/RPM.2/1, A/CONF.187/RPM.3/1 and A/CONF.187/RPM.4/1);
 - (iii) Overview of the state of crime and criminal justice worldwide;
 - (iv) Working papers on each of the four substantive items of the provisional agenda for the Tenth Congress;
 - (v) Working papers on each of the subjects of the four workshops to be held at the Tenth Congress;
- (b) Background documents:
 - (i) Discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Tenth Congress (A/CONF.187/PM.1);

included a modest resource allocation of \$208,300 for holding the regional

- (ii) Discussion guide on the workshops, ancillary meetings, symposia and exhibits to be held at the Tenth Congress (A/CONF.187/PM.1/Add.1);
- (iii) National papers and reports submitted by Governments;
- (iv) Reports submitted by entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and institutes for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, affiliated with the United Nations;
- (v) Reports submitted by intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as contributions by individual experts on the roster of the Secretariat, dealing with specific questions in their areas of concern.

G. Rules of procedure

prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, approved by the Economic and Social Council by its resolution 1993/32 of 27 July 1993.

H. Resource allocation

preparatory meetings and obtaining expertise and temporary assistance in order to advance in the preparations for the Congress. In its resolution 52/91, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources for the biennium 2000-2001 are provided for the conduct of the Tenth Congress. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, to be submitted to the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, in 1999, will include provisions to cover the estimated basic costs for convening the Tenth Congress, namely, for the participation of one representative of each

of the least developed countries, obtaining expert input for preparing the substantive documentation, temporary assistance, hospitality and other conference-servicing costs.

III. Regional preparatory meetings

The Tenth Congress will contain a summary of the meetings for the Tenth Congress.

(a) Asian and Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting, held in Helsinki from 10 to 12 December 1998 in cooperation with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

(b) Western Asian Regional Preparatory Meeting, held in Beirut from 1 to 3 November 1998 in cooperation with the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and the Government of Lebanon;

(c) African Regional Preparatory Meeting, held in Kampala from 7 to 9 December 1998 at the invitation of the Government of Uganda and in cooperation with the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

(d) Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting, held in San José from 22 to 24 February 1999 at the invitation of the Government of Costa Rica and in cooperation with the Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.

In fighting corruption and an analysis of the results achieved in the region preparatory meetings have been held for a duration of three days each and have been devoted exclusively to the following: (a) the consideration, from a regional perspective, of the four substantive items of the provisional agenda for the Tenth Congress and of the subject of each of the four workshops; and (b) the formulation of recommendations to serve as elements for the draft declaration to be prepared by the Commission at its eighth session for submission to the Tenth Congress.

The Tenth Congress (A/CONF.187/RPM.1/1, A/CONF.187/RPM.2/1, A/CONF.187/RPM.3/1 and A/CONF.187/RPM.4/1) will be held before the Commission at its eighth session.

IV. Workshops

on the basis of the Commission's deliberations and will be issued as a background document of the Tenth Congress. As noted in paragraph 12 above, a working paper on each of the four subjects of the workshops will be presented to the Tenth Congress.

The Commission's deliberations on the workshops.

The European Institute on Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations, was devoted to addressing the subjects of the workshops.

A. Workshop on combating corruption

An initial review of the objectives of the workshop was undertaken at a meeting organized by the Institute in Washington, D.C., on 23 February 1999. The meeting was attended by experts from the World Bank, Transparency International and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. A further examination of the objectives, as well as of the agenda and the outcome of the workshop, will be carried out at a meeting to be held in conjunction with an international conference on corruption in Milan in late 1999.

The workshop will be organized by the various actors, such as the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Council of Europe, the European Union, the Organization of American States, the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol), the International Chamber of Commerce and Transparency International; (b) the best practices in fighting corruption and the initiatives and projects of the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations Secretariat, such as the global programme against corruption and projects in Romania and Lebanon; and (c) measures for streamlining international efforts and proposals for future international cooperation.

B. Workshop on crimes related to the computer network

work is being

coordinated by the Asia and Far East Institute on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which organized a planning meeting for the workshop in Tokyo from 5 to 9 October 1998. The meeting addressed the workshop's logistic arrangements and its substantive content, including technical cooperation activities to be considered and proposed, and identified numerous issues of criminal procedure that the workshop could address, such as those relating to data storage, transaction and analysis, electronic communications, trans-border search and seizure, mutual legal assistance, human rights and safeguarding privacy rights.

tain pertinent information regarding participation at the Tenth Congress.

for holding **C. Workshop on community involvement in crime prevention**

gresses, a Secretary-General of the Tenth Congress will be appointed by

n community

involvement in crime prevention is being assumed by the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime in Montreal and is being supported by the Ministry of Justice of Argentina. The Government of Argentina hosted an expert group meeting in Buenos Aires from 8 to 10 February 1999, which considered the objective, participation, agenda, methodology, format, duration and follow-up of the workshop. The Centre plans to hold another meeting in October 1999 to review substantive and organizational aspects of the workshop.

coordination

of partners in crime prevention efforts. It will discuss the following: fostering public participation in community crime prevention; mobilizing financial support for community crime prevention; achieving safe streets by means of physical design; involving young persons in civic duties; developing mechanisms for conflict resolution and mediation; and evaluating crime prevention strategies in terms of efficiency, effectiveness and displacement. It is expected that the workshop will result in several outputs, such as an Internet site that will provide information on crime prevention worldwide, a digest on crime prevention in selected countries, a fact book on best practices in crime prevention throughout the world; and technical cooperation activities, such as training courses in effective crime prevention.

D. Workshop on women in the criminal justice system

em, which is

being coordinated by the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations,

will cover the following issues: female criminality; the treatment of female offenders; women as victims; and women as practitioners. Documentation on these issues, providing overview and trend analysis, will be made available to participants. The workshop is expected to identify specific problems and solutions concerning the status of women in society and gender mainstreaming in the criminal justice system. It will also provide examples of how such problems are being dealt with in different countries and suggest activities for technical assistance.

V. Other arrangements

Austria.

the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

VI. Action required of the Commission

30. The General Assembly, in its resolution 53/110, requested the Commission, at its eighth session:

(a) To accord high priority to the finalization of all the necessary organizational and substantive arrangements for the Congress;

(b) To prepare a draft declaration for submission to the Tenth Congress, taking into account the results of the regional preparatory meetings.

Notes

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 10 (E/1998/30 and Corr.1).*

Annex

Draft programme of work for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

<i>Day</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee I</i>	<i>Committee II</i>
1			
Morning		Opening ceremony	
Afternoon	Presentation of the state of crime and criminal justice worldwide and high-level segment	Introduction and discussion of topic I: Promoting the rule of law and strengthening the criminal justice system	Introduction and discussion of topic III: Effective crime prevention: keeping pace with new developments
2			
Morning	High-level segment	Topic I (continued)	Topic III (continued)
Afternoon	High-level segment	Topic I (continued)	Topic III (continued)
3			
Morning	High-level segment	Topic I (continued)	Topic III (continued)
Afternoon	General debate	Topic I (continued)	Workshop on community involvement in crime prevention
4			
Morning	General debate	Workshop on combating corruption	Workshop on community involvement (continued)
Afternoon	General debate	Workshop on combating corruption (continued)	Workshop on community involvement (continued)
5			
Morning	General debate	Workshop on combating corruption (continued)	Workshop on community involvement (continued)
Afternoon	General debate	Workshop on combating corruption (continued)	Introduction and discussion of topic II: International cooperation in combating transnational crime: new challenges in the twenty-first century

<i>Day</i>	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Committee I</i>	<i>Committee II</i>
6			
Morning	General debate	Introduction and discussion of topic IV: Offenders and victims: accountability and fairness in the justice process	Topic II (continued)
Afternoon	General debate	Topic IV (continued)	Topic II (continued)
7			
Morning	General debate	Topic IV (continued)	Topic II (continued)
Afternoon	Committee of the Whole	Topic IV (continued)	Topic II (continued)
8			
Morning	Committee of the Whole	Workshop on women in the criminal justice system	Workshop on crimes related to the computer network
Afternoon	Committee of the Whole	Workshop on women in the criminal justice system (continued)	Workshop on crimes related to the computer network (continued)
9			
Morning	Committee of the Whole	Workshop on women in the criminal justice system (continued)	Workshop on crimes related to the computer network (continued)
Afternoon	Consideration of conclusions and recommendations	Workshop on women in the criminal justice system (continued)	Workshop on crimes related to the computer network (continued)
10			
Morning and afternoon		Adoption of the report and closure of the Congress	