

ECOSOC Resolution 2002/19

Strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance within the framework of the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention in preventing and combating terrorism

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/1 of 12 September 2001, in which it strongly condemned the heinous acts of terrorism of 11 September 2001, and urgently called for international cooperation to prevent and eradicate acts of terrorism,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 56/123 of 19 December 2001, in which the Assembly invited the Secretary-General to consider, in consultation with Member States and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the ways in which the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat could contribute to the efforts of the United Nations system against terrorism, in accordance with relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001, in paragraph 103 of which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to make proposals to strengthen the Terrorism Prevention Branch at the United Nations Office at Vienna and to report thereon to the Assembly for its consideration,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/261 of 31 January 2002, in which the Assembly took note with appreciation of the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, which included a plan of action against terrorism,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001 and 1377 (2001) of 12 November 2001 and the relevant General Assembly resolutions relating to the prevention and suppression of terrorism,

Stressing the need for closer coordination and cooperation between States and the Centre for International Crime Prevention in preventing and combating terrorism and criminal activities carried out for the purpose of furthering terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

Stressing also the importance of international cooperation and technical assistance in the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention in the area of preventing and combating terrorism,

Recognizing the role of the United Nations and its various entities, in particular the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Centre for International Crime Prevention, as well as the possible contribution of the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, in preventing and combating terrorism,

Stressing that the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention aimed at preventing and combating terrorism, in particular strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance, should be conducted and coordinated in such a way as to complement the work of other United Nations entities, especially the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat,

Taking into account the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, convinced of the need to prevent and combat acts of terrorism, and noting with deep concern the growing links between transnational organized crime and acts of terrorism,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat in the area of preventing terrorism, described in the report of the Executive Director on the work of the Centre;¹

2. *Reaffirms* the important role that the Centre for International Crime Prevention has to play in promoting effective action to strengthen international cooperation and in providing technical assistance, upon request, in preventing and combating terrorism, and reiterates its request to the Centre to promote effective measures to that end, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and in coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat and other relevant United Nations entities and other international organizations;

3. *Stresses* in this context that the Centre for International Crime Prevention should, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/123 and under the guidance of Member States and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, include in its activities the provision to States, upon request, of technical assistance for the signature, accession, ratification and effective implementation of the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, taking into account the plan of action against terrorism contained in the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century² and the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

4. *Also stresses* that the Centre for International Crime Prevention should, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/123 and under the guidance of Member States and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, include in its activities the taking of measures, in cooperation with Member States, to raise public awareness of the nature and scope of international terrorism and its relationship to crime, including organized crime, where appropriate, continuing to maintain databases on terrorism and offering analytical support to Member States by collecting and disseminating information on the relationship between terrorism and related criminal activities, including conducting research and analytical studies on the close connection

¹ E/CN.15/2002/2 and Corr.1.

² General Assembly resolution 56/261, annex, sect. VII.

between terrorist activities and other related crimes, such as drug trafficking and money-laundering;

5. *Urges* States to continue working together, also on a regional and bilateral basis, to prevent and combat acts of terrorism by strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance within the framework of the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism;

6. *Requests* the Centre for International Crime Prevention, within the framework of its technical assistance activities related to countering terrorism, to take measures to draw the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to various aspects of international terrorism to the attention of those States which are not yet parties to them, with a view to assisting them, upon request, to become parties thereto;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to offer, on a regular basis, to the Counter-Terrorism Committee information on the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention relevant to preventing and combating terrorism with the aim of strengthening a permanent dialogue between the two entities;

8. *Takes note* of General Assembly resolution 56/253, requesting the Secretary-General to make proposals to strengthen the human and financial capacity of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Centre for International Crime Prevention to enable it to carry out its mandate in the area of preventing and combating terrorism;

9. *Welcomes* the voluntary contributions already made to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, and calls upon States, as well as multilateral financial institutions and regional development banks, to support, through voluntary contributions, both new and additional, to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund and through other means, such as the provision of services of experts and consultants, the efforts of the Centre for International Crime Prevention to facilitate the provision of and to provide cooperation and technical assistance in the area of preventing and combating terrorism;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twelfth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*37th plenary meeting
24 July 2002*