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### *Executive summary*

The present summary has been prepared pursuant to the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council”, in which it is stated that the subsidiary bodies of the Council should, *inter alia*, include in their reports an executive summary.

The Commission held its twenty-fourth regular session from 18 to 22 May 2015. The present document contains the report on the twenty-fourth session and, in chapter I, the text of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and/or recommended by the Commission for adoption by the Economic and Social Council and/or the General Assembly.

At its twenty-fourth session, the Commission considered strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions, the integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including issues related to the ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the United Nations Convention against Corruption, the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism, as well as other crime prevention and criminal justice matters, and the follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Furthermore, the Commission considered the use and application of United Nations standards and norms, as well as world crime trends and emerging issues and responses, in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

The prominent theme for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission was “Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, which was also the topic of the thematic discussion held during the session on 19 May 2015. The thematic discussion was organized into panel discussions, which focused, in particular, on the following sub-themes: (a) From Doha to New York: contribution of the Thirteenth Congress to the discussions on the post-2015 development agenda; and (b) Implementing the Doha Declaration: paving the way to Japan.

The Commission recommended to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolutions for adoption by the General Assembly: (a) “Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”; (b) “United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Mandela Rules)”; (c) “Taking action against gender-related killing of women and girls”; and (d) “Technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism”.

The Commission recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council the following draft resolutions: (a) “Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons”; and (b) “Improving the quality and availability of statistics on crime and criminal justice for policy development”. The Commission also recommended for adoption by the Council the following decisions: (a) “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: extension of the mandate of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”; (b) “Report of



the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-fourth session and provisional agenda for its twenty-fifth session”; and (c) “Appointment of a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute”.

Furthermore, the Commission adopted the following two resolutions and one decision: (a) “Improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: recommendations of the standing open-ended intergovernmental working group on improving the governance and financial situation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime”; (b) “Strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses with respect to trafficking in cultural property and other related offences”; and (c) “Report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute”.



## Chapter I

### **Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention**

#### **A. Draft resolutions to be recommended by the Economic and Social Council for adoption by the General Assembly**

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

##### **Draft resolution I**

#### **Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**

*The General Assembly,*

*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,

*Acknowledging* that the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice, as major intergovernmental 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 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in the annex to which Member States affirmed that the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice should be held every five years and should provide a forum for, inter alia, the exchange of views between States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines; the exchange of experiences in research, law and policy development; and the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice,

*Recalling also* 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 the intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system to further promote the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits,