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The Economic Commission for Africa,

Recognizing the need to devote increasing attention to the analysis of the content of social welfare services, and the development of country programmes to meet the needs of the region and the individual countries,

Recognizing further that social defence, or the prevention and treatment of deviant behaviour on the part of adults and young people as an area of social service activity, has so far received little attention,

Recognizing the need for studies in various countries of the region to assess the real extent of crime and delinquency, its determining factors, as well as measures and facilities for the prevention of crime and delinquency and for the treatment of young and adult offenders,

Recognizing the need felt by the governments of the region for expert advisory services on modern legislation, institutions and training of personnel in the field of social defence,

Recalling recommendation III of the Workshop on Extension of Family and Child Welfare Services within Community Development Programmes (E/CN.14/79), recommendation B of the Workshop on Urbanization in Africa

(E/CN.14/170), and recommendation G on juvenile delinquency of the Seminar on Urban Problems (E/CN.14/241), stressing the need for urgent action to meet the problem of crime and delinquency arising out of rapid urbanization,

1. Commends the Executive Secretary for the current work programme in the field of social defence;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with member governments, the Bureau of Social Affairs and schools of social work, to undertake training courses for officers in charge of penal and delinquency institutions in order to acquaint them with modern practices;

3. Requests further that the secretariat undertake studies and enquiries into the real extent of crime and juvenile delinquency in the region, their causes and measures and facilities for prevention and treatment of young and adult offenders;

4. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to make technical advisers in the field of social defence available to countries of the region, upon their request, and in collaboration with the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies.

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