

United Nations General Assembly, 32nd Session

The topic Crime Prevention and Control was on the agenda for the last session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. I draw your attention to Resolution 32/59 which invites countries to submit to the Secretary-General reports on measures taken to implement relevant conclusions of the Fifth Congress. The Resolution asks the Secretary-General to make a report to the Sixth Congress on the information provided on this matter by Member States. This important Resolution will ensure that there is continuity of action in this field between the Fifth and the Sixth Congresses.

Conference Services and Ancillary Programmes

I should now like to refer briefly to the Australian administrative arrangements for the Congress and the facilities that will be required in the Opera House. Interpretation facilities, tables for delegation heads, facilities for registration, printing and document distribution, office space, media requirements, the needs of non-governmental organizations, post office and banking facilities and catering are all matters to which we are giving our attention. We are also entering into special arrangements with hotels and airlines and Qantas will be providing special group travel concessions. Transportation will be arranged between hotels and the airport and between the hotels and the Congress venue. Pre-Congress and post-Congress tours will be offered and a range of hospitality programmes will be presented to participants and those accompanying the participants. An international concert will be given by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

We can also anticipate a range of Ancillary meetings and we plan to make a meeting room in the Sydney Opera House available for this purpose. A number of international non-governmental organizations will be meeting in Australia at the time of the Congress. There will also be meetings of interested groups, such as lawyers, sociologists, police

and correctional experts. In addition, we anticipate a meeting devoted specifically to academic research. Some of these meetings may be held as pre-Congress or post-Congress meetings. It is possible that facilities may be made available in other States for meetings of this character.

Implications of Congress for Council

The Congress will have important implications for the members of the Australian Crime Prevention Council. In the first place, members will, I am sure, wish to participate in providing hospitality, friendship and assistance as part of the Australian welcoming team. Secondly, members of the Council working in different areas concerned with the administration of justice will wish to consider ways in which Australian laws and practices might be up-dated and improved, and ways in which Australian programmes and achievements in this field might be brought to the attention of Congress participants. Australian criminal justice laws and practices will, of course, be in the focus of world attention at the time of the Congress.

The Council may also wish to consider whether a publication relating to the Council's activities should be prepared and circulated to Congress participants. A publication of this kind could provide an outline of the achievements and initiatives of the Council and observations of the Council on the agenda items before the Congress.

I shall be happy to provide members of the Council with further information relating to the Congress. My address is:

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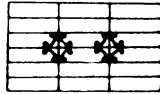
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