

## Draft Resolution for the Convention

### **draft resolution**

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice recommends that the Economic and Social Council consider for approval of the following draft resolution of a Convention for the adoption by the General Assembly:

### **Justice and Support for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power**

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

*Cognizant* that millions of people, especially many women and children, throughout the world still suffer harm as a result of crime, terrorism and the criminal abuse of power and that the rights of these victims are still not always adequately recognized and that they may, in addition, suffer hardship when assisting the authorities in prosecuting the perpetrators,

*Keeping in mind* the resolution of the UN General Assembly (GA/RES/40/34) in 1985 which called upon Member States to take the necessary steps to give effect to the provisions contained in the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power,

*Recalling* that the Member States in the Declaration of the UN Crime Congress in Bangkok in 2005 have underlined the importance of giving special attention to the need to protect witnesses and victims of crime and terrorism and have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening, where needed, the legal and financial framework for providing support to such victims, taking into account,

*Also recalling* the adoption by the General Assembly of the Basic Principles and Guidelines of the Rights to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law on 24 October 2005 (A/C. 3/60/L1.24),

*Recalling further* the adoption of the Guidelines for child Victims and Witnesses by ECOSOC in 2005,

*Reaffirming* the adoption and full implementation of the Guide for Policy Makers and the Handbook on Justice of Victims by ECOSOC in 1999,

*Recommends* that States make all possible efforts to incorporate and apply the said basic principles and guidelines concerning victims in their domestic legislation and practices, including those concerning acts of criminal terrorism, as well as in international legislation and practices of international courts and other international organizations;

*Welcomes* the offer of the Government of .... to host an Expert Group Meeting with equitable geographical representation to study ways and means to promote the use and application of the said basic principles and guidelines, including the possible creation of a Convention for Justice and Support for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power;

*Requests* the Secretary-General to assist in the organization of the work of the Expert Group Meeting;

*Invites* the Expert Group to report on its conclusion to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its 2010 session.