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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/51/610)]

51/61. United Nations African Institute for the
Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of
Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/147 of 21 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,¹

1. Commends the efforts of the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to promote and coordinate regional technical cooperation activities related to crime prevention and criminal justice systems in Africa;

2. Reiterates the need for the strengthening of the Institute's capacity to support a national mechanism for crime prevention and criminal justice of African countries, in view of the contribution that the Institute can make to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to intensify efforts and to mobilize all relevant entities of the United Nations system to provide necessary financial and technical support to the Institute to enable it to fulfil its mandate;

¹ A/51/450.

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to make concrete proposals on strengthening the programmes and activities of the Institute and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to enhance regional cooperation, coordination and collaboration in the fight against crime, especially in its transnational dimension, which could not be adequately dealt with by national action alone;

6. Appeals to all Member States and non-governmental organizations to adopt concrete practical measures to support the Institute in the development of the requisite capacity and in the elaboration and implementation of programmes and activities aimed at strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice systems in Africa;

7. Urges the States members of the Institute to make every possible effort to meet their obligations to the Institute.

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