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**UNITED NATIONS
and
FINLAND**

**Agreement for the establishment of the Helsinki Institute
for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the
United Nations. Signed at New York on 23 December
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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
et
FINLANDE**

**Accord portant création de l'Institut d'Helsinki pour la pré-
vention du crime et la lutte contre la délinquance, affilié
à l'Organisation des Nations Unies. Signé à New York
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND AND THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HELSINKI INSTITUTE FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL, AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

The Government of Finland and the United Nations,

Recalling the conclusions and recommendations of the United Nations Congresses on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders concerning the promotion of regional co-operation in the field of crime prevention and control,

Mindful of the request of the Economic and Social Council to the Secretary-General, contained in its resolution 1584 (L),² and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 3021 (XXVII),³ to develop and extend regional institutes for training and research in the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, as well as of the recommendation by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its second session, held at Headquarters, from 14 to 23 May 1973, on establishing in Europe an institute bringing together administrators and experts from countries with different socio-economic systems, and the request of the General Assembly, contained in its resolution 35/171,⁴ that the Secretary-General take such steps as may be appropriate for the necessary strengthening of activities, especially at the regional and subregional levels, taking into account the specific needs of each region, including the establishment of institutes for research, training and technical assistance in those regions that are without such institutes, as well as the strengthening of existing institutes, in order to facilitate international co-operation in the field of crime prevention, and

Desiring to extend facilities for the exchange of information and expertise in the field of crime prevention and control among various countries with different socio-economic systems,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE

1. The Government of Finland (hereinafter referred to as "the Government"), in co-operation with the United Nations, undertakes to establish the Helsinki Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "the Institute").

2. The Institute shall co-operate closely with the existing Research Institute of Legal Policy of the Ministry of Justice of Finland.

3. The objective of the Institute shall be to provide for the regular exchange of information and expertise in crime prevention and control among various countries of Europe with different socio-economic systems. The Institute shall also promote the training of experts in this field and shall undertake studies and research on crime prevention and criminal justice policies.

¹ Came into force on 8 August 1982, i.e., 30 days after the date (on 9 July 1982) on which the United Nations received from the Government of Finland written notification that its statutory and constitutional requirements had been met, in accordance with article VII (1).

² United Nations, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 1*, p. 12.

³ *Ibid.*, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 30*, p. 68.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 48*, p. 193.

4. The main functions of the Institute shall be:

- (a) To organize seminars for policy-makers, administrators, experts and researchers;
- (b) To collect information on matters falling within its field of competence, to provide interested Governments with relevant information, and to publish and disseminate relevant materials and information;
- (c) To conduct, within the limits of its resources, research serving the objectives of the Institute; and
- (d) To hold conferences and meetings serving these objectives.

5. The Institute may, by consent of the two Contracting Parties, also undertake tasks other than those referred to in items 3 and 4.

Article II. STATUS OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute shall operate under the joint auspices of the United Nations and the Government of Finland.

Article III. ORGANIZATION OF THE INSTITUTE

A. Advisory Board

1. The Institute shall have an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall be composed of a Chairman appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after consultation with the Government, four members appointed by the Secretary-General and four members appointed by the Government. The four members appointed by the Secretary-General shall be experts in the field of crime prevention and control, chosen on the basis of their professional qualifications from amongst nationals of States other than Finland which are served by the Institute. The term of office of the Advisory Board shall be 5 years. The expenses such as travel and subsistence allowance, for the Chairman and members of the Advisory Board, shall be paid out of voluntary contributions from the Government of Finland or other participating Governments.

2. The Advisory Board shall be convened periodically, at intervals to be agreed upon by the parties, at the initiative of the Director of the Institute, and may also be convened by the Director of the Institute for extraordinary meetings.

3. The task of the Advisory Board shall be:

- (a) To consider, each year, a report submitted by the Director on the activities of the Institute during the past year;
- (b) To consider the annual programme of activities submitted by the Director and proposed for the Institute for the following year and, if necessary, for periods exceeding one year;
- (c) To adopt recommendations relating to the development and activities of the Institute.

4. The Advisory Board may invite, *inter alia*, representatives of organizations forming part of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to attend its meetings at their own expense.

B. Staff

1. The Institute shall have a staff sufficient to carry out its functions. In particular, the Institute shall have the following basic staff:

- (a) A Director whose functions shall be:
- (i) To direct and supervise the activities and administration of the Institute;
 - (ii) To plan, in consultation with the Government and the United Nations, the programme of activities of the Institute;
 - (iii) To prepare an annual report on the activities of the Institute and to submit it, together with the programme for the following year, to the Government, the United Nations and the Advisory Board;
 - (iv) To prepare for the Government an estimate for the annual budget of the Institute and to bring it to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Advisory Board.
- (b) A Senior Adviser whose functions shall be to assist the Director in the discharge of the latter's duties and to provide appropriate liaison with the United Nations.
- (c) An administrative staff of sufficient personnel to provide administrative, clerical and language services.

2. The Director shall be appointed by the Government after consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Senior Adviser shall be appointed by the Secretary-General after consultation with the Government. The remaining staff shall be appointed by the Government in consultation with the Director.

Article IV. OBLIGATIONS OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT

In accordance with procedures under its laws and within the limits of its annual budgetary appropriations, the host Government shall provide:

- (a) The staff referred to in article III, paragraph B.1 (a) and (c) above;
- (b) Fellowships for nationals of countries served by the Institute;
- (c) Premises necessary for the Institute's purposes, duly furnished and equipped, and appropriations and services necessary for the operation of the Institute such as travel funds and daily allowances for expenses to the staff of the Institute as well as appropriation for publishing activities and the procurement of literature;
- (d) Housing and lodging allowances and other facilities in accordance with the Finnish regulations for holders of fellowships attached to the Institute.

Article V. OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

In accordance with the applicable resolutions and decisions of the appropriate United Nations organs and subject to the availability of extra-budgetary funds the United Nations shall provide:

- (a) A Senior Adviser referred to in article III, paragraph B.1 (b);
- (b) Short-term experts for teaching and research;
- (c) Fellowships for nationals of countries other than Finland;
- (d) Appropriations for projects benefiting developing countries.

Article VI. SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTE BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS

1. Other Governments shall be encouraged to participate in and support the operations of the Institute. In particular they shall be invited to contribute to the salary and the other costs related to the Senior Adviser referred to in article III, paragraph B.1. (b). Such contributions may be made either directly to the Institute, or through earmarked contributions to the United Nations Social Defence Trust Fund.

2. Other Governments shall also be invited to provide specialists who may form part of the teaching and research staff. The salary and related emoluments of such staff shall be provided by the Government concerned or by the organization by which they are normally employed. The Government concerned shall also be invited to provide an allowance for housing and local living costs.

3. Other Governments may also make financial contributions to help meet the cost of the expenses of the Chairman and the members of the Advisory Board as referred to in article III paragraph 1 and of particular research projects or meetings organized by the Institute and held either at the Institute or elsewhere or of the general operation of the Institute. Such contributions may be made either directly to the Institute or through earmarked contributions to the United Nations Social Defence Trust Fund.

Article VII. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. United Nations officials, and experts on mission for the United Nations, performing functions in connection with the Institute shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under articles V and VI, respectively, and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.¹

2. Holders of United Nations fellowships for the Institute shall be granted such status and facilities, including transit to and from the Institute, as may be required for the performance of their functions in connection with the Institute.

3. All persons referred to in this article shall be granted facilities for speedy travel, and visas, when required, shall be issued promptly and without charge.

Article VIII. ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the date upon which the United Nations receives from the Government written notification that Finland's statutory and constitutional requirements for entry into force have been met. The Agreement shall remain in force until 1 January 1988, and may be extended for a future period to be agreed upon by the two Parties. In any case, the Parties shall initiate consultations during the first half of 1987, with the aim of continuing co-operation between them regarding the Institute.

2. This Agreement may be modified by mutual accord in writing between the two Parties, and each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any request for such modification.

3. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon written notice to the other Party and shall cease to be in force 90 days after receipt of such a notice, provided, however, that if such a notification is received during a seminar or conference or in the month preceding its opening date, this Agreement shall remain in force in respect of such seminar or conference until it has been completed.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1, p. 15 and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18).

DONE in duplicate, in the English language at New York on the 23rd of December 1981.

For the Government
of Finland:

[Signed]

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For the United Nations:

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KURT WALDHEIM
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