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the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. Signed
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domaine de la prévention du crime et la justice crimi-
nelle. Signé à Moscou le 6 octobre 1989**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ REGARDING CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE USSR, THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT VIENNA, THE UNITED NATIONS INTERREGIONAL CRIME AND JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND THE HELSINKI INSTITUTE FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR, the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Office at Vienna (CSDHA/UNOV), the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) and the Helsinki Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI) affiliated with the United Nations,

1. Recalling:

(a) The Milan Plan of Action,² adopted by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which, *inter alia*, urged the Member States of the United Nations to implement the Plan as a collective endeavour of the international community;

(b) The Guiding Principles for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the Context of Development, which were adopted by the same Congress and which, *inter alia*, emphasize that, in view of the relationship between crime prevention and development, changes in the economic and social structure should be accompanied by an appropriate reform of the criminal law so as to ensure that the criminal justice system is in harmony with the basic values and goals of society as well as with the aspirations and hopes of the international community;

2. Aware that the attainment of the objective may require the involvement of the United Nations and its interregional and regional institutes for crime prevention and criminal justice;

3. Mindful of the valuable support of these efforts by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

4. Considering:

(a) The wish of the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV), the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) and the Helsinki Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI) affiliated with the United Nations to develop new means of collaboration with all the Member States with a view to intensifying their activities in areas of common interest, and particularly in crime prevention, including preparations for the successive quinquennial

¹ Came into force on 6 October 1989 by signature.

² Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985, report prepared by the Secretariat of the United Nations (A/CONF.121/22/Rev.1 or United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1).