

- (1) Social defence policies and national development planning;
- (2) Participation of the public in the prevention and control of crime and delinquency;
- (3) The Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners in the light of recent developments in the correctional field;
- (4) Organization of research for policy development in social defence.

Item (4) has been added in order to give scope for discussions of research in connection with policy development.

The official languages of the Congress will be English, French, Spanish and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation from and into these languages will be provided at all section and plenary meetings.

The United Nations Secretariat will prepare a working paper on each of the substantive items on the agenda of the Congress. These documents will set the stage for the discussions by giving the elements of the problem, indicating the preoccupation of developed and developing countries and defining the major issues involved. The specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may also prepare, on the invitation of the Secretariat, background documentation on specific questions pertaining to the subject matters under consideration.

The documentation will be mailed to participants at least six weeks in advance and there will be no distribution of documents during the Congress.

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LIFE LINE CONVENTION ON GAMBLING IN AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY

HELD ON SATURDAY, 7th MARCH, 1970

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PREAMBLE.

Australians are spending over \$4,000,000 a day on legalised gambling through lotteries, poker machines, T.A.B. and bookmakers, the total for 1968 being \$1,505,810,000.

The number of compulsive gamblers in Sydney could be as high as 30,000, whilst the number seeking help from Life Line increased by 345% from 1964 to 1969 as compared with an increase of approximately 50% in total calls.