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I. PREVENTION OF VICTIMIZATION

1. The Secretary-General, together with cooperating institutes and organizations, is invited to study ways in which to provide technical assistance to Member States, upon request, in responding to cases of large-scale victimization, terrorism and man-made catastrophes that are the result of criminal negligence,

ensuring that the necessary emergency assistance is provided, using, where necessary, interdisciplinary and international crisis response teams to help in dealing with the situation and in responding to the needs and rights of the victims.

- 2. Member States are encouraged to consider the introduction, where neces- sary, and the strengthening of the work of ombudsmen and civilian review bodies or other complaint mechanisms and means of preventing and investi- gating possible abuse of power.
- 3. Member States and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to conduct public information and education campaigns designed to prevent and curtail victimization and revictimization. Such campaigns should include both general campaigns directed at broad sectors of the population and special campaigns targeting select groups known to be at high risk of such victimization and re-victimization.
- 4. Member States, in close cooperation with representatives of the mass media, are encouraged to elaborate and implement effectively guidelines for the media aimed at protecting victims and curtailing re-victimization.

II. ACTION AT THE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

- 5. The Secretary-General, in cooperation with Member States and the region- al commissions, is requested to explore the possibility of developing regional mechanisms for monitoring victimization and providing recourse and/or redress for victims.
- 6. The Secretary-General, in cooperation with the international professional and academic community, is requested to help Member States in identifying lacunae in international criminal law and humanitarian and human rights law concerning the protection and rights of victims and witnesses, with a view to addressing those lacunae.