American Correctional Association

URGING REPRESENTATION OF CORRECTIONS AT THE UNITED NATIONS CRIME CONGRESS

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WHEREAS, the United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders is a significant global forum within which to disseminate research, information and share practical experience and expertise on criminal justice practices throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the U.N. Crime Congresses has broadened from the early focus on penology and treatment of juvenile offenders to include issues such as the relationship between crime control and social and economic development and international responses to transnational crime; and

WHEREAS, U.N. Crime Congresses bring together representatives of the world’s governments, specialists in crime prevention and criminal justice, scholars with noted international expertise and members of intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations from the U.N. Crime Congresses, issued through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, impact on the legislative bodies of the United Nations – the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council – and the criminal justice policies and practices of national and local governments; and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Correctional Association urges all parties that send representatives to the Crime Congresses, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and related bodies include individuals with practical corrections expertise in their delegations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Correctional Association urges all representatives to the United Nations Crime Congress, Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and related bodies to pursue internationally recognized exemplary practices consistent with ACA standards.

This resolution was adopted by the American Correctional Association Delegate Assembly on Aug. 4, 2004, at the Congress of Correction in Chicago. It was last reviewed and reaffirmed at the 2019 Winter Conference in New Orleans, LA on January 15, 2019.