

highlighting relevant dates and anniversaries. The pamphlet, produced in English, French and Spanish, is also distributed to all United Nations information centres, for dissemination to non-governmental organizations, the media, libraries, educational and research institutes;

(c) In connection with preparations for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to be held in 1990, the Department issued a press kit on the work of the United Nations in crime prevention and control. Press coverage and media liaison were provided for the five regional preparatory meetings held in 1989. An information brochure on the Eighth Congress is soon to be issued in all official languages, and a new booklet entitled The United Nations and Crime Prevention and Control is under preparation. The texts of the various crime control instruments and rules that have been published by the Department are being reprinted and distributed to the United Nations information centres and services in anticipation of an increase in requests leading up to the 1990 Congress;

(d) Other major events highlighted by the Department included International Literacy Day, as one of a series of United Nations activities leading to International Literacy Year (1990), for which UNESCO is assuming the role of lead organization as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/104. The event, which took place at Headquarters on 8 September 1989, focused on the importance of literacy for children and their families;

(e) As part of its VN in Action television programme, the Department co-produced with UNESCO two video documentaries on the restoration of Sanaa and on the restoration of major edifices in Benin. An article was devoted in the quarterly publication VN Chronicle to UNESCO's continuing efforts for the protection of cultural and natural heritage as defined in the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

2. Right to development

14. The Department has intensified its activities on economic development issues in preparation for the following major United Nations events to take place at the end of 1989 and in 1990: the special session of the General Assembly on apartheid and its destructive consequences in southern Africa, the special session of the General Assembly in 1990 devoted to international economic co-operation, the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, and the adoption of an international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade. The Department is preparing an information strategy to generate broad public interest in these events and related economic issues.

15. A comprehensive press kit on the debt crisis was prepared in October 1989 to publicize the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the external debt crisis and development (A/44/628). The kit, comprising backgrounders, features, graphics and briefing papers, was distributed world-wide in English, French and Spanish.

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