

ARTICLE 2**THE OBJECTIVES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE INSTITUTE**

1. In furtherance of the aims, policies, and activities of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice, the Institute may, in accordance with the priorities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme:

- a) Undertake the study of criminal law, procedure and the administration of criminal justice of Member States as well as conventions, treaties and other international instruments related to criminal justice;
- b) Cooperate with the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch and contribute to responses to requests of Member States or other entities regarding the improvement, modernization, and reform of criminal law and procedure, as well as conventions, treaties, and multilateral or bilateral instruments;
- c) Undertake, in cooperation with the Branch and other United Nations entities, including other regional or inter-regional institutes, as appropriate, technical cooperation projects, or assist in the implementation of such projects, in the field of criminal law reform, the administration of criminal justice, or the implementation of related international instruments, principles and guidelines.

2. In discharging its functions, the Institute may:

- a) Initiate and carry out such research and studies as it deems necessary for the attainment of its objectives and the fulfilment of its obligations;
- b) Receive and consider any request made by the Branch or any Government for assistance or advice with respect to the reform of criminal law, procedure and the administration of justice;
- c) Support the activities in criminal law reform, procedure and the administration of criminal justice of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme for the benefit of developing countries, in collaboration with the relevant regional institute;
- d) Prepare and submit to the Branch or other United Nations entities detailed programmes for the study of particular criminal laws and criminal justice policies and programmes;
- e) Undertake joint projects with the Branch or any other United Nations entity including the inter-regional and regional institutes on the prevention of crime;
- f) Consult with the Governments, associations of members of the judiciary and of the legal profession, institutions engaged in the teaching or research into criminal law or the administration of criminal justice, and other interested governmental and non-governmental organizations.